

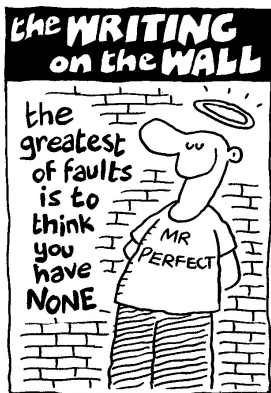
**Chesterfield Parish Church  
Saint Mary & All Saints**

## **D**angerous Talents

So many of us are richly talented, and it is possible for us to think we are making good use of our talents. But for what?

Vainglory; self-advancement; a weapon against others; destructive competition—these are just some of the ways talents can be used.

***If we think we can buy favour with the Lord by using our talents we need to think again. To use them in the Lord's service they need to be used genuinely and fully for the benefit of others.***



## **II ANTE ADVENT (19th November 2023)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

18.30 Choral Evensong

### **ALSO THIS WEEK:**

#### ***Monday 20th November***

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### ***Tuesday 21st November***

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### ***Wednesday 22nd November***

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### ***Thursday 23rd November***

09.00 Morning Prayer

17.00 Evening Prayer

17.30 Mass

#### ***Friday 24th November***

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### ***Saturday 25th November***

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

**18th November - 3rd December  
Christmas Tree Festival**

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

## SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 466

Setting: Missa Orbis Factor

### Collect Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephania Zeph 1.7,12-end**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 70

### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 25.14-30**

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.'

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 336

Communion Motet: Hail, true body (*Tomás Luis de Victoria*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 391

Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G major BWV557  
(*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

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## CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Byrd

Psalm(s): 89.19-37

First Lesson: 1 Kings 1.1-40

Office Hymn: 339

Canticles: Holman in F

Second Lesson: Revelation 1.4-18

Anthem: O Saviour of the world (*John Goss*)

Hymn: 147

Voluntary: Fugue in D minor (*Johann Pachelbel*)

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### **Today 19th November - II Ante Advent**

- Benefice of Belper St Peter
- ◇ The Church of the Province of Myanmar
- ✦ *Maurice Webb; Henry Margereson; Prue Hicks*

### **Monday 20th November - Edmund;**

*Priscilla Lydia Sellon*

- Benefice of Taddington, Chelmorton, Monyash, Hartington, Biggin and Earl Sterndale
- ◇ North West Australia - Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ *Paul Curtis*

### **Tuesday 21st November**

- Deaneries and their leadership teams
- ◇ Aweil - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Marjorie Bradley; George Peppitt*

### **Wednesday 22nd November - Celia**

- The many tourist attractions within the Diocese
- ◇ Aweril - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

### **Thursday 23rd November - Clement**

- Benefice of Youlgreave, Middleton, Stanton-in-Peak and Birchover
- ◇ Awgu/Aninri - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *John Arkwell; Thomas Hamilton; Walter Thompson*

### **Friday 24th November**

- Benefice of Blackwell and Tibshelf
- ◇ Awka - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Enid Franklin; Jane Hoskin*

### **Saturday 25th November - Catherine of Alexandria;**

*Isaac Watts*

- Benefice of Blagreaves
- ◇ Awori - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Caleb Beresford; Hilda Turvil; Gordon Kirk; Geoffrey Smith*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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## Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John  
Robinson; Jean Madin; Valerie Alice Seeney;  
Colin Hutson; Christopher Cain; Jean Morris;  
Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates;  
John Lockwood; Ian Bennett; Tony Ragan;  
Sue Hastings; Terry Bell; Iain Bushe; Jane  
Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Marian Mathews;  
Barbara Carter

## Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival continues up to  
and including Advent Sunday, 3rd December.  
There is still time to sign up for a spot of  
voluntary stewarding if you haven't already  
done so. If you're not sure what's involved,  
ask any member of the Festival committee  
for further information - don't be shy!

## Events

A programme of events scheduled between  
Advent and Christmas is now available at the  
back of church.

## Gift Shop

There is something for everyone as Advent  
and Christmas items join our popular all-year-  
round ranges to offer lovely treats for family,  
friends, or just yourself!

## Next Sunday - 26th November - Christ the King

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)  
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)  
10.30 Choral Mass  
Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24  
Matthew 25.31-end  
18.30 Choral Evensong  
Readings: Psalm(s) 93 & 97  
2 Samuel 23.1-7  
Matthew 28.16-end

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