

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

Getting it Straight

Being straightforward and straight-talking is not always welcome.

Some people would rather talk around the houses than face up to unwelcome truths.

John the Baptist made the truth VERY clear, yet so many refused to listen, or preferred their own version of truth.

Listening to truth and acting upon it—this is what we should be doing to prepare for Christ's coming—especially when the truth is something we would rather not hear!



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

**ADVENT II
(10th December 2023)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 15.00 Derbyshire Freemasons
Carol Service
- 18.30 Sung Compline

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 11th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 St Mary's High School
Carol Service*

Wednesday 13th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 PCC, Saints

Thursday 14th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass
- 19.00 Ashgate Hospice
Carol Service*

Friday 15th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 St Peter & St Paul School
Carol Service*

- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 Chesterfield Studios
Christmas Celebration†

Saturday 16th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 Ireland Colliery Band
Festive Brass†

* Public access may be limited
† Ticketed event - contact organisers

ADVENT II - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 55

Setting: Nash

Collect Prayer

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Gradual Hymn: 186

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 500

Communion Motet: How beautiful are the feet of them
(Georg Friedrich Händel)

Post-Communion Hymn: 12

Voluntary: *Ricercare in C minor (Johann Pachelbel)*

SUNG COMPLINE

Special Service Sheet

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 10th December - Advent II

- Those churches holding Christingle services
- ◇ The Church of Pakistan (United)
- ✦ *Edith Cooper; May Bargh*

Monday 11th December

- Diocesan safeguarding teams
- ◇ Bathurst - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ *Grace Webber*

Tuesday 12th December

- Churches in vacancy throughout the Diocese
- ◇ Bauchi - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Eric Turner*

Wednesday 13th December - Lucy; Samuel Johnson

- Benefice of Brampton (St Mark)
- ◇ Belize - The Church in the West Indies
- ✦ *Margaret Barnes*

Thursday 14th December - John of the Cross

- Benefice of Brassington
- ◇ Bendigo - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ *William Godfrey; Annie Weire; Gerald Dawson*

Friday 15th December

- That children might grow in their faith & spirituality
- ◇ Beni - The Anglican Church of the Congo
- ✦ *Joan Shaw*

Saturday 16th December

- Benefice of Breadsall
- ◇ Benin - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *William Mitchell*

- 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; Jack

✦ *Michael Trefor Faulkner, RIP*

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC is on Wednesday 13th
December, 7.30pm in the Saints Parish Centre.

Volunteers' Reception

So that he can thank you personally, Fr Patrick
invites anyone who has volunteered at the
church in any capacity during 2023 to a
Reception on Monday 18th December at
5.30pm in the Saints Parish Centre. 'Significant
others' welcome.

Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

Christmas pedestals are again available for
sponsorship of £40. Contact Dorothy Turner
on 07974 829350.

Church 'Post Box'

The annual A-Z post box system for your cards
to other members of the congregation is in
place at the back of church.

Events

A programme of events scheduled for
December is available at the back of church.

Gift Shop

The final shopping day of 2023 will be
Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December, 12
noon until 4pm. The Shop will then close until
Thursday 4th January 2024.

Next Sunday - 17th December - Advent III

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
John 1.6-8, 19-28

18.30 Sung Compline

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