

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

He will strengthen you to the
End

So promises Saint Paul, to remind the people of Corinth that their perseverance will be rewarded.

Advent is a time when we can rediscover the need for patience and perseverance, and especially patience with ourselves and each other.

It is also a time of penance when we can be supported by the Church in recognising our impatience with ourselves, with each other—and even with God—and repent, and maybe even make a new start in sorting ourselves out.



**ADVENT SUNDAY
(3rd December 2023)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

18.30 Advent Procession with Carols

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 4th December

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 5th December

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

17.30 Candlelit Vigil for Sufferers
from Domestic Violence

Wednesday 6th December

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 7th December

09.00 Morning Prayer

11.00 Derbyshire Carers'
Christmas Celebration

17.00 Evening Prayer

17.30 Mass

Friday 8th December

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 9th December

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

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

ADVENT SUNDAY - CHORAL MASS

Introit: Advent Matin Responsory
(arr. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)

Processional Hymn: 366

Setting: Sumsion in F

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 3

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 13.24-end

Jesus said, 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 16

Communion Motet: A tender shoot (*Otto Goldschmidt*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 7

Voluntary: Prelude in C minor BWV546
(*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

ADVENT PROCESSION WITH CAROLS

Special Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 3rd December - Advent Sunday

- Opportunities to share the good news of Jesus
- ◇ The Church of North India (United)
- ✦ *Lilian Payne; Jose Payne*

Monday 4th December - John of Damascus; *Nicholas Ferrar*

- Benefice of Bradbourne
- ◇ Barbados - The Church of the West Indies
- ✦ *Margaret Hewitt; Ella Hatton*

Tuesday 5th December

- Parish Support Office staff
- ◇ Bari - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Aubrey Moules; Winifred Webber*

Wednesday 6th December - Nicholas

- Benefice of Hope, Castleton & Bradwell
- ◇ Baringo - The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thursday 7th December - Ambrose

- The Bishop's Leadership Team meeting today
- ◇ Barisal - The Church of Bangladesh

Friday 8th December - Conception of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*

- Benefice of Brailsford, Shirley, Osmaston,
Edlaston & Yeaueley
- ◇ Barrackpore - The Church of North India
- ✦ *Peter Sedgwick; Tim Cutting*

Saturday 9th December

- Benefice of Brampton (St Thomas)
- ◇ Bath and Wells - The Church of England
- ✦ *Kathleen Payne; Brian Jennings*

- 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*

Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Last chance, so don't miss out! Open Sunday
3rd December, 12 noon - 5.30 pm.

Very many thanks to all the wonderful
volunteers who have helped to make the
event such a success.

Pray this Advent

An invitation to join an online prayer event via
Zoom at 9am on Tuesdays 5th, 12th & 19th
December. For info and link, email Rebecca:
rebeccalanders303@gmail.com

Events

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

Gift Shop

From Monday 4th December, the Gift Shop
will revert to its normal opening hours: 10am-
4.00pm, Monday - Saturday. 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 2023.

Next Sunday - 10th December - Advent II

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: 2 Peter 3.8-15a
Mark 1.1-8
- 18.30 Sung compline

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