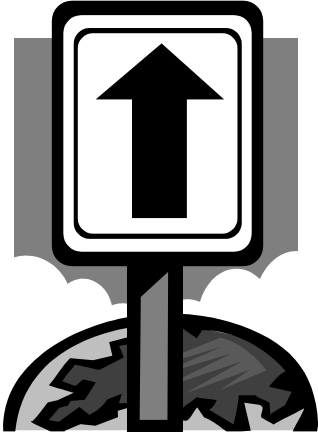


**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**

Reading the Signs of the Times



Many Christians sit around waiting to see if God will tell them what to do.

Other Christians don't bother worrying about what God might be saying—they think it's possible to know it all from their traditions or teachings.

Yet God still speaks to us all the time—through the events of our lives and of the world around us.

Just a few minutes each day spent with God in prayer will help us hear what God says to us—here and now!—and may even give us the spur we need to do something about it!



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
(1st December 2024)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

18.30 Advent Procession with Carols

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY *See back page*

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

EVENTS

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

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

**16th November - 1st December
Christmas Tree Festival**

ADVENT SUNDAY

CHORAL MASS

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

Processional Hymn: 1 (*t.i*)

Setting: Wood in the Phrygian Mode

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 Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.

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

Gradual Hymn: 10

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 28

Communion Motet: *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*
(Michael Praetorius)

Post-Communion Hymn: 8

Voluntary: Voluntary in D minor (Samuel Long)

ADVENT PROCESSION WITH CAROLS

Special Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 1st December - Advent Sunday

- Give thanks for the message of hope this Advent
- ◇ Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Geraldine James; Pamela Hague; Marjorie Smith;*
Mick Moore

Monday 2nd December

- Area Deans, Assistants and Leadership Teams
- ◇ Kitale - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Mary Birks*

Tuesday 3rd December - Francis Xavier

- Those holding the Bishop's Licence to officiate
- ◇ Kiteto - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Lillian Payne; Jose Payne*

Wednesday 4th December - John of Damascus; Nicholas Ferrar

- Parishes of St James, Barlborough and St John the Baptist, Clowne
- ◇ Kitgum - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *Margaret Hewitt; Ella Hatton*

Thursday 5th December

- Parishes of St Peter, Calow and St Mary, Sutton cum Duckmanton
- ◇ Kitui - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Aubrey Moules; Winifred Webber*

Friday 6th December - Nicholas

- Parishes of St Peter & St Paul, Eckington (inc Upper Eckington) and St John, Ridgeway
- ◇ Kivu - The Anglican Church of Rwanda

Saturday 7th December - Ambrose

- Benefice of Elmtton with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley
- ◇ North Kivu - The Anglican Church of the Congo
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; John Lockwood; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Jane Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Barbara Carter; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Roxanne; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Becky; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; Laurence Atkinson; David McGhie; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin

✦ *Richard Bland, RIP; Christine Lane, RIP;*
Joyce Lane, RIP; Nigel Ball, RIP; David Dolman, RIP

Hymn Books

Today we begin to use the Revised English Hymnal, which is a much-expanded edition of the hymnals used in this church for many years. Publication of the various editions has been slow; the melody edition remains on back-order and is now due for publication in March 2025. There are plenty of words-only editions available in the pews, and if anyone wishes to purchase the full music edition, please ask the vicar, who will be pleased to let you have one at a substantial discount even from the price available on Amazon!

Post-Mass Refreshments

Today, 1st December, in the Saints, 12 - 1pm.

Christmas Tree Festival 2024

The Festival closes today at 5.30 pm. Very many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped to make the event such a success.

Gift Shop

From Monday 2nd December, the Gift Shop will revert to its normal opening hours: 10am-4.00pm, Monday - Saturday. The final shopping day of 2024 will be Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December. The Shop will then close until Monday 6th January 2025.

Christians Together for Chesterfield

Live music in the Market Hall Cafe on Tuesdays throughout December, 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Next Sunday - 8th December - Advent II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Baruch 5
Luke 3.1-6
18.30 Sung Compline
Special Order of Service