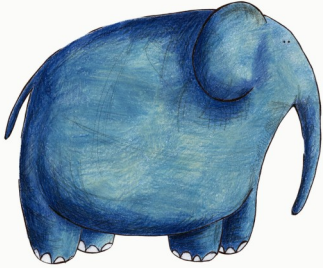


Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

God's Children Remembered

We read so much in Scripture about remembering the works of God, and at the heart of our worship lies the remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus, which brings healing to the world.



So much so that it is easy to neglect the way in which *God* remembers *us*. We are reminded today of the relentless nature of God's love. God keeps coming back again and again to seek us, even when we have given ourselves up, let alone stopped thinking of the God of love.

The appearance of John the Baptist in the wilderness may seem frightening to us, yet Luke presents this as the historical turning-point when God in Jesus starts to prove—once again—that God never forgets us.

So if God never forgets us, let's go back to the first question and ask how easy we find it to forget God, especially as the pre-Christmas pressure mounts up, and let's make sure we remember before it is too late.

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 (8th December 2024)

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

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.

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ADVENT II
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 27 (*t.11*)
Setting: Schubert in G

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 Book of Baruch

Baruch 5

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

Gradual Hymn: 25

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 579

Communion Motet: The Crown of Roses
(Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky)

Post-Communion Hymn: 19

Voluntary: *Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland*
BWV661 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

SUNG COMPLINE

Special Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 8th December - Advent II

- For school nativity plays & services, sharing the Christmas message
- ◇ Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- ✦ *Peter Sedgwick; Tim Cutting*

Monday 9th December

- ◇ Parishes of St Giles, Killamarsh and St Matthew, Renishaw
- ◇ Kobe - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ *Kathleen Payne; Brian Jennings*

Tuesday 10th December

- The Staveley Team Ministry
- ◇ Koforidua - The Church of West Africa
- ✦ *Edith Cooper; May Bargh*

Wednesday 11th December

- Parishes of Holy Trinity and Christ Church
- ◇ Kolhapur - The Church of North India (United)
- ✦ *Grace Webber*

Thursday 12th December

- Benefice of Old Brampton with Great Barlow and Loundsley Green LEP
- ◇ Kollam-Kottarakkara - The Church of South India
- ✦ *Eric Turner*

Friday 13th December - Lucy; Samuel Johnson

- Parishes of St Thomas, Brampton and St Mark
- ◇ Kondoia - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Margaret Barnes*

Saturday 14th December - John of the Cross

- Parish of St Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield and St Leonard, Spital
- ◇ Kongor - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *William Godfrey; Annie Weire; Gerald Dawson*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

Churchwardens: John Hague
Colin McKenna

Organist & Choirmaster:
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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; 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
John Lockwood, RIP

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC is on Wednesday 11th December, 7.30pm in the Saints Parish Centre.

Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

Christmas pedestals are 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 now in place.

Events

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

Christmas Eve Crib Service, 24th December

Children aged 6-11 are very welcome to join in singing some carols at the Crib service at 3pm. Practice & refreshments from 1pm.

Gift Shop

The final shopping day of 2024 will be Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 10am - 4pm. The Shop will then close until 10am on Monday 6th January 2025.

Christians Together for Chesterfield

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

Spital Arts at St Leonard's

Chesterfield Co-operative Choral Society, Friday 20th December, 7.30pm, at St Leonard's, Spital. Tickets £15 from the organisers.

Next Sunday - 15th December - Advent III

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-end
Luke 3.7-18

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 50.1-6 & 62
Isaiah 35
Luke 1.57-end