

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Throwing His Light on Things

A good part of the symbolism of Advent involves the light that Jesus shines on the world—including ourselves—when he comes.

At the end of time, that light will be a light of judgement and of justice; in his coming at Christmas the light is seen as a star which draws people from far and wide to worship him. Where then does the light shine when he comes to the world of today?

That light is entrusted to you and to me. It is entrusted to us as members of Christ's Church. It is a light that we can choose to shine out or to obscure.

That light is obscured when the Church is small-minded, tawdry and flawed; the light shines when we are generous, open and filled with God's love—in practical charity not just as a nice feeling.

Advent gives us the chance to clear away those things in us which obscure the light, so that by Christmas the light of Christ in us may shine out clear and far.



Advent Sunday (30th November 2025)

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 crookedspeare.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

**15th November - 30th November
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.

CHORAL MASS

Setting: Darke in F

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**

Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gradual Hymn: 5

Matthew 24.36-44

Jesus told his disciples, 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 475

Communion Motet: The Truth from above
(Vaughan Williams)

Post-Communion Hymn: 20

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

ADVENT PROCESSION WITH CAROLS

Special Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 30th November - Advent Sunday

- Giving thanks for the message of hope in this new season of Advent
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ Joy Franklin

Monday 1st December - Andrew the Apostle

- North East Derbyshire Deanery Leadership Team
- ◇ Ruaha - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ Geraldine James; Pamela Hague; Marjorie Smith; Mick Moore

Tuesday 2nd December

- Bishop's Licence/Permission to Officiate holders and those training for ministry
- ◇ Rumbek - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ Mary Birks

Wednesday 3rd December - Francis Xavier

- Parishes of St James Barlborough and St John the Baptist Clowne
- ◇ Rumonge - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ✦ Lilian Payne; Jose Payne

Thursday 4th December - John of Damascus; Nicholas Ferrar

- Parishes of St Peter Calow and St Mary Sutton cum Duckmanton
- ◇ Rupert's Lane - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ Margaret Hewitt; Ella Hatton

Friday 5th December

- Parishes of St Peter & Paul Eckington (inc Upper Eckington) and St John Ridgeway
- ◇ Rutana - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ✦ Aubrey Moules; Winifred Webber

Saturday 6th December - Nicholas

- Benefice of Elmtun with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley
- ◇ Ruvuma - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Lisa; Linda Weston; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Dorothy Crawshaw

✦ Roberta Berke

✦ Frank Berry

Christmas Tree Festival 2025

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.

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Medieval Carols by Candlelight

presented by Ancient Music Promotions. Friday 5th December, 7.30pm. Tickets via: ticketsource.co.uk/ancient-music-promotions

Saint Nicholas

Saturday 6th December, 3:30pm The church choirs sing Britten's St Nicolas and other Christmas Carols. Tickets £10/£5 available online or from the Gift Shop.

Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

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

Gift Shop

From Monday 1st December, the Gift Shop will revert to its normal opening hours: 10am-4.00pm, Monday - Saturday.

Next Sunday - 7th December - Advent II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

18.30 Sung Compline

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