

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

Welcome One Another

Saint Paul tells the people of the Church in Rome to be as welcoming to each other as God is welcoming to them.

Whether we believe it or not, God is happy to take us as we are and to walk with us and support us as we stumble in our journey through life.

Only at the end of time will we meet God as our judge, yet so much of our present and past consists of our passing judgements on ourselves and on each other. No wonder it is hard for people to go to church for the first time, or to come back!

This week of Advent, ask yourself how welcome you make other people, especially in church, and remember that you are unconditionally welcomed by the love of God!



Advent II (7th December 2025)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
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.

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

CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 1 (*t.i*)

Setting: Wood in the Phrygian Mode

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 15.4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gradual Hymn: 13

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: AM 75 (*see separate sheet*)

Communion Motet: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
(Elizabeth Poston)

Post-Communion Hymn: 10

Voluntary: *Fuga* II in G (Felix Mendelssohn)

SUNG COMPLINE

Separate Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 7th December - Advent II

- For those attending services in the coming weeks
- ♦ The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 8th December - Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Parishes of St Giles Killamarsh and
Christ Church Chesterfield
- ♦ Ruwenzori - The Church of Uganda
- ♦ *Peter Sedgwick; Tim Cutting*

Tuesday 9th December

- The Staveley Team Ministry
- ♦ East Ruwenzori - The Church of Uganda
- ♦ *Kathleen Payne; Brian Jennings*

Wednesday 10th December

- Parishes of Holy Trinity and
Christ Church Chesterfield
- ♦ South Ruwenzori - The Church of Uganda
- ♦ *Edith Cooper; May Bargh*

Thursday 11th December

- Benefice of Old Brampton with Great Barlow and
Loundsley Green LEP
- ♦ Sabah - Church of South East Asia
- ♦ *Grace Webber*

Friday 12th December - Lucy; Samuel Johnson

- Parishes of St Thomas Brampton and St Mark
- ♦ Sabongidda-Ora - The Church of Nigeria
- ♦ *Eric Turner*

Saturday 13th December

- Parish of St Mary & All Saints Chesterfield and
St Leonard Spital
- ♦ The Sacred Circle - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ♦ *Eric Turner*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ♦ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ♦ Year's Mind

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

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Organist & Choirmaster:
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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*

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC is on Wednesday
10th December, 7.30pm, in the Saints Parish
Centre.

Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

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

Choir 'Festive Potluck' Showcase

Friday 12th December, 6.30pm in the Saints.
Bingo, raffle and entertainment. All proceeds
to the choir tour fund. Offers to perform,
bring dishes or donate prizes gratefully
received.

Contact Eloise: outreach@crookedspire.org

Lunchtime Musical Entertainment

Pick up a leaflet with details of the series of
lunchtime concerts taking place next week,
Monday - Thursday.

Church 'Post Box'

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

Next Sunday - 14th December - Advent III

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11
- 18.30 Sung Compline

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