

15th November 2020
Joint Benefice of
St Peter & St Paul, Old Brampton,
St. Lawrence Barlow and
Loundsley Green LEP
2nd Sunday before Advent
Service Sheet

Welcome to our recorded
09:30 Service of the Word
with Reader, Kate Brookbank &
Rev'd Janet Quick

Available on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/gwsKWmLHTSc>

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Welcome and Theme

Hymn: Ye Servants of God

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
Though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you;

All: and also with you.

Lord, open our lips:

All: so we can shout your praises!

Lord, open our eyes:

All: so we can see your wondrous works!

Lord, open our ears:

All: so we can hear your call!

Lord, open our hearts:

All: so we can live a life of love.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

Blessed are you, creator and redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From chaos you created the world and in love you made us in your image. By your death and resurrection, you have brought us to new life. May the light of Christ shine in our hearts as we offer you our thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We come together in the name of Christ to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be renewed for the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God,

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

The Absolution **All: Amen**

Praise

Blessed is the Lord:

All: who has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, our hearts dance for joy:

All: and we shall praise the Lord!

The Liturgy of the Word - Readings from Holy Scripture

Zeph 1:7, 12 - end – by John Rushby of Barlow St Lawrence

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.'¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 by Judith Lovett of Loundsley Green LEF

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

At the end of the readings, the reader may say: For the gift of his holy word or This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:- Take My Life and Let it be

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise;
Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

The Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Sermon - Rev Janet Quick

A Celtic Creed

We proclaim our faith by saying together the words of the Celtic Creed:-
We believe in God the Father,

**All: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life.
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen**

Intercessions –

Hear our prayer.

All: **Graciously hear our prayer.**

The Collect - Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Hymn:- *When we walk with the Lord*

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and
obey.*

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.
Refrain

But we never can prove
The delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows,
For the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.
Refrain

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do,
Where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Refrain

Dismissal

**All: Lord, surround us with your love as we go from this act of worship.
Let lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth, and ears that
have heard your word always listen to your will.
Give us the grace to work for the coming of your kingdom here on earth, for**

the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Encouragement

The Grace

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ *Alleluia, alleluia*

All: Thanks be to God! *Alleluia, alleluia*

Reflection for 15th November 2020 Matthew 25: 14-30

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Last year I went to stay with friends in Cheltenham and in their back garden they proudly showed off their display of sunflowers. They were exceptionally tall, stretching well above the fence panels and reaching up towards the sky. The flower heads were much bigger than your normal size dinner plate. Growing sunflowers stems from the children growing sunflowers at School and when there was a competition to see who could grow the tallest one. The competition, all these years later, still continues.

When their two children were at School, they were given a small pot with one sunflower seed to see who could grow the tallest. One of their friends, Terry, took the pot home but did not look after it so after neglect the seed did not grow and there were no leaves or flowers. Nothing came of the seed so no one talked about its progress or what it looked like because there was nothing left in the pot. However, my friends two boys acted differently. Stephen put everything into the one plant making sure it was fed and watered and grew as tall as it could. Once the flowers had died, he took the flower head and kept the hundreds of seeds so he could grow more and share them with others who may want to grow them and enjoy the experience. His brother, Michael, was unhappy with having just one seed so he went out and brought more seeds so he could enjoy watching others grow and have his own competition as to which one would grow the highest. People could watch them growing together and when they had finished growing, he could share them with others. So, Terry did nothing with his seed and got nothing. Stephen did everything possible to make his the best healthy plant so that he could use the seeds later on, whereas, Michael brought other seeds so he had more to grow and could watch them all grow together. Stephen and Michael had more than what they started with.

We hear in today's Gospel how the men with talents reacted when they were given large sums of money to look after. One doing nothing with his and gaining nothing, another investing and gaining and then the third man investing more and gaining more. Jesus talked in parables to explain to us how we are to live in the Kingdom of God. What we should do with the gifts we have been given. Do we take the gifts and do nothing with them, or do we use our ability, knowledge and skill to look after the gifts we have been given?

Being Christians, we have the responsibility to use what God has given us to bring Him glory and honour. We have the most valuable gift of all, the Word of God and the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. This gift is for us to share with others through our words and actions. It is a great responsibility with great reward. As we hear about the sunflowers and the bags of money, we realise that if we look after what we have been given then we will reap rewards. When the Master gave his servants the money, he divided them according to their ability to steward and care for the money. That's why they had different amounts, so the first had 5 talents, the second two talents, and the third was only given one talent. The Master told them to care for the money which two of them did by trading and gaining profit. They returned to their Master with double the talents.

However, the third was fearful so hid the one talent and did nothing with it, so when it came to going back to the Master, he just gave him the same talent back. He had not learnt or gained anything from his experience and therefore the Master was disappointed because the money should have been invested to gain interest.

The idea of the Master giving the servants money was to encourage and challenge them to take what was given to them and invest and receive more from their experience. This is Jesus telling us that when we are given what God has given us, we should be encouraged and challenged to invest in the Kingdom of God. There is great reward waiting for those who steward well with what the Lord has given them.

When the son of man returns, he will judge all the nations. Those who have been faithful to him in his absence will inherit the kingdom prepared for them. Whereas those who have rejected him will be sent into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Those who do nothing will not gain anything whereas those who do something will gain.

Amen.

Bishop Libby 's Updates

10th November

From Bishop Libby

Thank you. Once again you have risen to difficult and changing circumstances with very short notice. I am immensely grateful, especially for the gracious and generous ways so many of you enabled Remembrance Sunday to be observed in the midst of limitations and uncertainties. We know how deeply many feel about this time of year, and I'm aware that you've had to navigate sometimes conflicting expectations. For your patience, resilience, determination in making it possible for the good news of Christ to be seen and heard even in these times – thank you.

These next weeks of the second lockdown will continue to demand a lot of us. I encourage you, therefore, to join me in responding to the Archbishops' invitation to pray every day at 6pm for our nation.

Prayer is the bedrock of our Vision - Transformed Lives: growing Church, building Community. By our prayer we join in the work of the Holy Spirit and be changed more and more into the likeness of Christ. Our practice of prayer will deepen and strengthen our own faith. The witness of our prayer is itself a sign of hope – even for those who don't pray, that we pray can be a comfort. Offering space (physical and virtual) and resources for prayer might be the means by which people encounter Christ. Prayer will trigger action – and be worked out in our lives, and the lives of those around us.

So, let us pray.

+Libby

A Prayer for the nation - Week 1

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Our Diocese Together

The November issue of "Our Diocese Together" is now [available to download](#) from the Diocese of Derby website or to view online [here](#).

"Inbetween"

Our Deanery Newsletter is available to download from this page:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/deaneries/north-east-derbyshire-deanery/north-east-derbyshire-parishes.html>

Recordings of Services

A Recording of today's service is available on YouTube :

<https://youtu.be/gwsKWMHTSc>

The previous live service recordings here:

- 26th July https://youtu.be/_c_mUoqB4qA, 2nd August <https://youtu.be/bVYNWxQa1Ys>,
9th August with Bishop Libby <https://youtu.be/UYZNkREIQm4>,
16th August <https://youtu.be/zFJdtswW0Vo>, 23rd August <https://youtu.be/3Fwvr6SqnHY> ,
30th Aug. <https://youtu.be/QkLjupMz6Qg>, 6th Sept. <https://youtu.be/LQfcHwsqXN0>
13th Sept. <https://youtu.be/6GvFQIEm3-4> 27th Sept. <https://youtu.be/b68PPA9VELA>,
4th Oct.: <https://youtu.be/YJdMqvsAMOM> 18th Oct: <https://youtu.be/jIT7FcbqYY>
25th Oct. <https://youtu.be/J2mItfOYyMI> 1st Nov. <https://youtu.be/FCeikJf-UnQ>

Archdeacon Carol's services and reflections from previous weeks can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchChesterfield> - You don't need a Facebook account to view them.

Rev'd. Janet's and Kate's (home) recorded Services:

- 26th April - <https://youtu.be/KQTUVYOkFQg> 3rd May - https://youtu.be/1P_NmRB8IpI
17th May - https://youtu.be/RqYQ8uoj_E0 24th May - <https://youtu.be/jcs8Vcfakio>
7th June - <https://youtu.be/4ABhUXuDf8I> , 14th June - <https://youtu.be/rQ3488skRoQ>
21st June - <https://youtu.be/dZyRLm95Qag>, 5th July <https://youtu.be/-JOqnHIBEvM>
12th July <https://youtu.be/ICcTh5eZzMA> 19th July https://youtu.be/o_vknM84B2q
20th Sept. <https://youtu.be/7Qv1Q13uXO4> 11th Oct.: <https://youtu.be/yXbOn0LrNzw>
and 2nd April Compline service - <https://youtu.be/IJmg2bSaJvI>

And Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov. 2020 with Rev'd Adrian Murray-Leslie:

<https://youtu.be/8ubzO331R6U>

Other local services - The Crooked Spire's service(s) available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDrGU56c59qfgQeHsWOoy1g>

Newbold's service(s) available on their YouTube channel here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWT9vXrDSQZnnNVHLF4ITYA?view_as=subscriber

Diocese of Derby – Links to Online Services in the Diocese:

https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y88YQLe4xABvKt5_R8T8Y-Wr0I5zh41-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1KA