

29th November 2020
Joint Benefice
Advent
Service Sheet

Welcome to our recorded
09:30 Service of Holy
Communion
with Rev'd. Sarah Colver
and assistants from each parish



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Welcome Sarah

Rev'd Sarah was licenced by Bishop Libby in a Zoom service on Monday 23rd November.

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Order of Service for Sunday 29th November 2020 Advent Sunday



Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Hymn – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Refrain

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight!
Refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Refrain

O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Refrain

Welcome and lighting of the Advent candles

Advent Candle Song

Winter's here, we hardly see the sun
Cold damp days can make your spirits
glum;
Though it's dark when school is done,
Advent tells us that the Lord will come
So through all December's dark and dreary
days
Clap your hands and sing your Advent
praise

Hope is given us by candle 'one'
Though God judges each and everyone,
Those who trust him need not fear,
Advent tells us that the Lord is near
So through all December's dark and dreary
days
Clap your hands and sing your Advent
praise

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God,
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.**

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah Chapter 64 verses 1–9

Read by Anne Farrow, churchwarden at St Peter and St Paul Old Brampton

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80: Verses 1–8 and 18–20

Read by David Riley, churchwarden at Loundsley Green LEP

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! ³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry

with your people's prayers? ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves. ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3–9

Read by Julie Ferreday, churchwarden at St Lawrence Barlow

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the end of a reading, the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark Chapter 13 verses 24–37

Read by Revd Janet Quick

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
where fear and courage join hands,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst, sharing our humanity.
We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond the safe place,
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Kate Brookbank*

Prayer responses:

Christ is our hope
and the hope of the world

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to
guide our feet into the way of peace. *cf Luke 1.78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St Peter, St Paul,
St Lawrence and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,**

have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

After communion, a period of silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn – Hills of the North, rejoice!

Hills of the North, rejoice;
River and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes His great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,

And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,

the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.



The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Sarah's Reflection for 29th November 2020

Advent Greetings

This is my first opportunity to send written greetings to everyone so I'd like to say a particular 'hello' to those of you who do not access digital forms of communication. I hope and trust that in due course I will get to meet you all, although it may take quite a lot longer than we all might have hoped. But I am glad to be here, and to be able to join you just as Advent begins (and with only one Sunday of lockdown left) feels very special.

In the Christian year, Advent is the season of expectation and anticipation, of the 'now and the not yet'. Yes, it's the time when we get ready for Christmas, our joyful celebration which has developed many layers of tradition and accompanying rituals over the years. But we are also reminded to hold this within a bigger picture, that of the continuing story of Emmanuel, 'God with us', as we express our longing for the time when God's promises will be fulfilled through the coming of the Kingdom.

That can feel like quite a tension to hold, but I don't think that doing so diminishes the value, worth and significance of our Christmas festivities and our mortal lives, but rather helps us to see them through a different and broader lens. Our gospel reading for Advent Sunday reminds us to keep awake, to stay alert – to respond to the signs of the times, and to work for justice, peace and the wellbeing of all. So I'd invite you to consider as we come out of lockdown: who are the people you know who may be lonely or particularly vulnerable during this festive season, and how might our church families offer support? In what ways can you see the work of people around you furthering the purposes of God's kingdom, and how can you get involved even in a small way?

In this year of all years, how can we express our faith through the way we celebrate Christmas?

With Advent hope,

Sarah

Bishop Libby `s Updates

24th November

Yesterday we heard the welcome news that, from next Wednesday, our buildings can re-open for public worship. We are thankful that gathering together can form a part of our preparation and celebration of Christmas. Nonetheless, this season will look and feel very different in our churches – as in our homes and wider communities – this year.



Advent is always a precious time for me. And this year it will be particularly so. It marks the beginning of the Christian year, and a period of longing – looking forward to the coming of Jesus and the fulfilment of all God promises, by looking back to the stories of God’s persistent, patient, passionate, provocative love at work through human history. Advent is a season of hope, and we need that hope more than ever because hope is what gives us the courage to keep going in expectation that change for good is possible.

As we enter Advent we will need to draw on the depths of God’s love that is without measure, and begin again to live out that love generously and courageously that others will hear and see in us the life-giving love of Christ.

The Book of Common Prayer Collect for the last Sunday before Advent prays that God will ‘stir up’ our wills that we might bring forth the fruit of good works (do check out Archdeacon Carol’s video on the diocesan website as she follows the old tradition of stirring up Christmas cake on ‘Stir Up Sunday’). If we are to be people of hope this coming year, we will need to pray, for God to stir us up, again and again, giving His life and love for us to draw on and live out. That’s why I invite you to begin this new Christian year in Advent Hope and prepare for Christmas – whatever it may look like this year – in prayer with me. The invitation to join me for weekly prayer and reflection is below.

+Libby

A Prayer for the nation - Week 3

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.

Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,
have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.
Amen.

Advent Hope

As we emerge from the second lockdown and enter Advent, we look for the coming of Christ and of his kingdom, and the hope that gives us. Between 30 November 2020 and 24 December 2020, Bishop Libby invites you to join her each week for an hour of prayer and reflection together based upon seasonal Bible passages and collects.

Advent Hope is open to all and will be held on Monday morning from 8am - 9am and repeated on Thursday evening from 8pm - 9pm. Do pass this invitation on to your communities and congregations. Please email halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org for the access link.

Services Live and Recordings

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

<https://youtu.be/KdcfkN3Ze5k>

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/OkLjupMz6Og> 6th Sept. <https://youtu.be/LOfcHwsqXN0>
13th Sept. <https://youtu.be/6GvFQIEm3-4> 27th Sept. <https://youtu.be/b68PPA9VELA>,
4th Oct.: <https://youtu.be/YJdMqvsAMOM> 18th Oct: <https://youtu.be/jIT7FcfbgYY>
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/KOTUVYOkFQg> 3rd May - https://youtu.be/1P_NmRB8IpI
17th May - https://youtu.be/RgYQ8uoj_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_vknM84B2g
20th Sept. <https://youtu.be/7Qv1Q13uXO4> 11th Oct.: <https://youtu.be/yXbOn0LrNzw>
15th Nov.: <https://youtu.be/P1yIK8an16k> 22nd Nov. <https://youtu.be/NkEn9A1r5no>
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/UCDrGU56c59qfaQeHsWOoy1g>

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

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