

6th December 2020

Joint Benefice

Advent 2

Service Sheet

Welcome to our
09:30 All Age Service at St Peter & St Paul with Reader, Kate Brookbank
and assistance from the All Age Team - Sarah Rosser & Donna Hammond & Rev'd Sarah Colver

A recording is available on YouTube <https://youtu.be/SRfqoxu9Rak>

Thank you from Rev'd Sarah

A big thank you to everyone for their warm (albeit socially distanced) welcome. I'm glad to be here and very grateful to all those who have created and maintained patterns of worship and community life during the vacancy and lockdown. Settling in and getting to know everyone is inevitably going to take longer during this time of restrictions, but I'm looking forward to doing so.

xOur Diocese Together - December

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

"Inbetween" Deanery Newsletter

Our Deanery Newsletter is available to download from here:

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

All Age Service - Advent The Second Sunday of Advent

**Recording Available on YouTube– <https://youtu.be/SRfqoxu9Rak>
with Hymns to sing along to**

Welcome and Theme (Kate)

Reflective music and wording based on the song "Make Way"

In the recorded version of this service, the full music and lyrics will be displayed to allow you to sing along at home – there are some lovely tunes.

Hymn: Make way, make way

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
Into your lives.
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings!
(For the King of kings!)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let his kingdom in!

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings!
(For the King of kings!)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let his kingdom in!

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings!
(For the King of kings!)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let his kingdom in!

We call you now to worship him
As Lord of all.
To have no other gods but him:
Their thrones must fall!
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings!
(For the King of kings!)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let his kingdom in!

Rev'd Sarah: The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you

We are now in the season of Advent, a time of
promise and a time of preparing. We will light the
Advent candle(s) and pray that God will be with us.
Lighting of the Advent candles.

Words of the Advent Candle Song following the Rev'd Sarah lighting the candle: (Rev'd. Sarah and the congregation read the words of the Advent Song and then Andrew plays while we focus on the words).

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

Next, we light a candle for the word
teaching us about the living Lord
telling how God's will is done
through the Advent of his Holy Son,
so, through all December's dark and dreary days
clap your hands and sing your Advent praise.

Kate: Let us pray:

O God of hope, joy, peace and love, send your light to us so we can be ready to
welcome Jesus again. Live in us and help us to live in you.

All: Amen

Saying sorry to God

As we journey through the season of Advent and look at a new beginning, help us to say sorry for all the things we have done wrong. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we ask God and each other for forgiveness for the times we fail.

Jesus comes in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.

All: Lord forgive us.

Jesus comes with good news for all people, forgive our silence.

All: Christ, forgive us.

Jesus comes in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness.

All: Lord, forgive us.

The Absolution and Collect for the day

Collect

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.

Hearing and responding to the Word of the Lord

We listen to the Bible readings:

Isaiah Chapter 40 verses 1-11 read by Kate

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' ⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalms 85 verses 8 – end read by Donna

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. ⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. ¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

At the end of the readings, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord, to which the response is:

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflective music

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Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You
Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Gospel: Mark Chapter 1 verses 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Talk (Sarah Rosser)

Silent reflection

Creed:

We affirm our faith together as a community, uniting ourselves to all Christians, in the past, present and future:

We believe in God the Father,

All: from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

All: who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

All: who inspires us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

**All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen**

Prayers - Donna

At the end of each prayer, the leader may say:
Lord in your mercy, to which the response is:

All: hear our prayer.

.....ending with the Lord's Prayer

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.

Christ's Peace (Kate)

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you

Going out to serve God

Lord, surround us with your love as we go from this place.
Let lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth and let 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.

All: Amen

Words of Encouragement and Thanks

Reflective music (based on "Come thou, long expected Jesus")

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Hymn – Come, Thou long expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Blessing from Rev'd Sarah

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

Final Reflective music based on "Go tell it on the mountain"

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Rev'd. Janet's Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Advent

As regards remembering things, I think that I'm getting to the stage of life when, if I don't write something down I want to remember to do, I forget! (We'd all like to think that this is because we lead such busy lives but this is not always the case!) Writing things down makes them real and keeps them not only from being forgotten but holds the original intention in our minds – so that our imagination doesn't get to work on it and change it. When we read a note, we read the intention.

These thoughts actually apply to our Gospel reading for today and to the Gospel as a whole. Mark is, if you like, the notebook of all the 4 Gospels and there is notebook urgency about what he wrote: the world, his urgency tells us, *must* know about the ministry, death and rising to life of this man, Jesus. (We are minus the well-known Christmas stories here. Did Mark not know them or didn't he think they were of first importance to his message? We don't know.)

Our focus for this second Sunday in Advent, concerns the ministry of John the Baptist and Mark makes a point for us of John as a prophet in the manner of those in the Old Testament. However, despite the second Isaiah telling us from exile that prophets call the people from the desert, earlier in-situ prophets tended to fix themselves in cities – or the edges of – to proclaim their messages from the Lord. (A modern-day parallel might be that most mission work in Britain today is in towns and cities. How much success would clergy have if they pitched themselves in isolated country spots and expected folk to go out to them?)

But 2,000 years ago, by the word-of-mouth 'telegraph', people heard that if they wanted to know about the first step towards salvation, they had to go out to the desert: to what was thought of as a God-forsaken, wild place: a primeval place. That was where the announcements of a way to salvation were to be found. No 'business as usual' at work here!

Today we, too, are living in a no-business-as-usual situation. Re-think; re-organise; regroup are the touch-stones of our pandemic world. Would we be over-optimistic in thinking that despite the horrors of this time, there may well be a salvation story in the offing which is calling us, not only as societies, but personally, to build more of a sense of justice; of fairness; of Christian love; of nearness to the compassionate core of reality in our human world and of respect for our planet?

Comfort
and Joy



Bishop Libby `s Updates

1st December

Advent is always a precious time for me. In our house we mark Advent differently from Christmas, using traditional colour of purple to decorate, using simpler decoration on a Jesse Tree, setting up our nativities for the journey not the arrival – and then we change it all on Christmas Eve in celebration.

Advent is always a precious time for me and this year it will be particularly so. Advent 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, that looks forward to the promise of Christmas and we need that hope more than ever because hope is what gives us the courage to keep going, even in the toughest circumstances, in expectation that change for good is possible.

Perhaps this year Advent can be precious for you too. Perhaps the undoubtedly difficult days of December, still constrained by Coronavirus and all its consequences, can offer opportunity to reconsider the purpose of this season. I pray, in this dark Advent season, you will nonetheless find comfort in necessarily simpler things and still know delight in things that offer quieter joy.

+Libby

A Prayer for the nation - Week 4

Loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ came that we might
have life and have it abundantly;
pour out your blessing upon our nation;
where there is illness,
bring your healing touch;
where there is fear,
strengthen us with the knowledge of your
presence;

where there is uncertainty,
build us up in faith;
where there is dishonesty,
lead us into truth;
where there is discord,
may we know the harmony of your love;
this we ask in Jesus' name.
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.



Be part of our Christmas Carol video

There's nothing quite like singing carols together at Christmas. Sadly, this year, we can't hold our usual carol services – so we're going to make a special version of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" to get us all singing as a diocese, in the spirit of hope and togetherness.

We'd love you to take part, by videoing yourself(selves) singing this most well-known of carols!

How to take part (PDF) <https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=0e037f4c0f&e=194e035b06> . Download the audio track (mp3) <https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=62e26dfbac&e=194e035b06> . Download the words (PDF) <https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=ddecc75428&e=194e035b06>

Services Live and Recordings

A Recording of today's service is available
on YouTube <https://youtu.be/SRfgoxu9Rak> .

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/3Fwvr6SgnhY> ,
30th Aug. <https://youtu.be/OkLjupMz6Qg> 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/RqYQ8u0j_E0 24th May - <https://youtu.be/jcs8Vcfakjo>
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/lCcTh5eZzMA> 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>
29th Nov.: <https://youtu.be/KdcfkN3Ze5k>
and 2nd April Compline service - <https://youtu.be/lJmg2bSaJvI>

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/UCDrGU56c59qfQeHsWOoy1g>

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-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1Kax