

COLLECT First Sunday of Advent

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

MORNING PRAYER

If you would like to be part of morning prayer from home, using your computer, tablet or phone, please contact the office.

Morning Prayer starts at 8.30 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Prayer this week. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those sick or recovering from operations:

Tom Smith (Bill & Jean Griffiths' grandson), Lorraine Shone, Ruth Jones, Beryl Airey and Margaret Yates.

Mission:

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Welcome. If you're new or visiting today we hope you feel at home and enjoy the service. Please visit the welcome desk at the back of church if you'd like to know more about who we are and what we do as a church. If you would like us to keep in touch with you and haven't filled in a Welcome Card yet please do so.

SERVICES TODAY

Hope

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
Philippians 4:10-23 & Matthew 21:1-13

10.45 Family Worship and Toy Service

Philippians 4:10-23

PRAYER MINISTRY

Would you like prayer for something? Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available to pray with you today if there is anything specific you need prayer for. There are also prayer cards by the 'say one for me' box if you prefer.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

10th December 2023

Peace

9.00 am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 40:1-11 & Matthew 1:18-25

10.45 Family Communion

Matthew 1:18-25

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 4th	Psalm 50	Matthew 12:1-21
Tuesday 5th	Psalm 80	Matthew 12:22-37
Wednesday 6th	Psalm 7	Matthew 12:38-end
Thursday 7th	Psalm 42	Matthew 13:1-23
Friday 18th	Psalm 25	Matthew 13:24-43
Saturday 9th	Psalm 9	Matthew 13:44-end

PRAYER MEETING

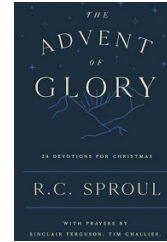
Please join us for our monthly Prayer meeting on Wednesday 6th December either at 2.00 pm or 7.45 pm.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER 10th December 2023 at 1.00 pm

Next Sunday 1.00 pm at the Parish Centre This is your last opportunity to obtain a ticket to the annual Christmas Dinner. Price Adults £10 and Children £5

SCHOOL FAIR FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

Christ Church School are holding their Christmas fair at the parish centre on Friday from 3.00 pm onwards please come along and support them if you can.



ADVENT BOOK

Those who ordered the advent book can now pick it up at the back of Church. There was a change in book title and we are now reading 'The Advent of Glory' by R C Sproul.

BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

Please consider signing our big Christmas card for your church family instead of buying cards. We will let you know the charity we will be supporting shortly.

ALL WELCOME 21ST DECEMBER

All are welcome to come along on Thursday 21st December at 6.00 pm. Hot chocolate will be available come along and join our youth group to help make Christingles ready for the service on Sunday 24th

HOME GROUPS

Home groups meet this week for the final study of Esther. Carol Allen is the co-ordinator of the home groups, if you would like to join one or find out about them please speak to either Carol or Ron. The home groups are an important part of fellowship with learning, personal development and encouragement.

FLOWER FUND



Our amazing flower arrangers have been working hard all year keeping our Church looking great. Especially at Christmas when we get so many visitors through the door this is appreciated so much. They have now exhausted the money donated for flowers so if you are able to there is a box on the welcome table for donations to the flower fund.