

Sunday 16th November 2025

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



Collect for the Week

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord



8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President: The Vicar Minister and Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Leader: Wendy Anderson Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: The Wiseman built his house upon the rock
Beauty for brokenness
Take my life
Father hear the prayer we offer

Readings: New Testament: Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 (NIV page 1187)

6.30 pm

Compline (CW)

Minister: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Anne Vernon.

To my husband David Vernon, my parents
John and Margaret and for my brother and
sister, Harvey and Cathy.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 17th *Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln 1200*

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Parish Church – The Vicar
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 18th *Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, philanthropist, 1231* Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 19th *Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680*

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 20th *Edmund, King of the East Angles, martyr, 850*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar
11.30 am Communion at Mount Ephraim House - Lois Woodhouse
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
7.30 pm Living Hope, Tim Harrold

FRIDAY 21st

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 22nd

Wedding of Venetia Casey and Roger Ellison, Parish Church
10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge – Parish Church Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd

Sunday next before Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins
President and Preacher: Rev Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre with a Baptism
Leader: The Vicar Link: Vivien Littlechild

4.00 pm Taizé Tim Harrold

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am – 4 pm Choristers Café at the Lodge – Congregation

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Second Sunday Before Advent.

You are especially welcome to our 6.30 pm service of Compline today. It is a short but very reflective service, during which we traditionally bring all that has gone on in the day to God before we go to bed.

As we continue our Christian journey, I pray that we will all experience God's leading guidance and protection every step of the way

Yesterday's Autumn Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make yesterday's event such a success. It was good to see so many people at the event. Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to our fund-raising efforts, whether you donated things to sell, baked cakes or helped prepare the lunches, helped with the setting up, manning of the stalls, helped with the clearing up or were one of the many who attended on the day and spent money. The day would not have been the same without you. Thank You.

The total of funds raised so far will be announced at the services today and published in the pew leaflet next week.

Appeal from the Flower Team for Christmas Trees

This Christmas we thought we might do something a little different to decorate the Church by having Christmas trees as a major element of our decorations.

If you are thinking your existing artificial tree looks a bit sad and needs replacing could you consider donating the old tree and any surplus decorations to the flower team. We would also be grateful for battery powered tree lights.

FACE TO FAITH - a new book from Tony Rutherford

Tony's second book is called 'Face to Faith' and is designed for those who want to think about and consider those ways in which our faith can affect the way we live. Its subtitle is 'A Book for Discussion Leading to Action'. It was first on sale, at £5, at the Autumn Fayre, with £1 going to the Fayre. It will be available for this and next two Sundays at both our churches. Orders for further copies, including bulk discounts, can be made by e mailing Tony on tony.rutherford37@icloud.com The book focusses on how we can face the world and its massive problems in hope via those groups of which we are members for example our families, church, House Groups, local discussion groups and so on. Copies of Tony's first book "Meeting Christianity Again - for the First Time" are still available, also at £5.

Choristers Café

This Sunday, Family Service are running the café so please pop in for refreshments.

Finance Sub Committee

Do you come out in a cold sweat when faced with a lot of numerals? Then this might not be the role for you! If you don't think finance is a four letter word then this could be the opportunity for you. The Finance Sub Committee of the PCC is looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to join them. You don't have to be a member of the PCC to join, and there will be no more than 8-10 meetings a year. Interested? See either Sue Hare or Tim Harrold for more details.

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