

READING

Malachi 3:1-4

I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

Luke 1:68-79

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestor, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

*Morning and Evening Prayer
9.00am & 5.00pm daily
Monday- Friday*

*Morning Prayer Saturday
9.30am*

*Please let the Clergy or the
Office know of anyone who
would like a visit or Home
Communion*

*We welcome you to our services today.
Do stay for tea/coffee after the 10.00am service*

Sunday 9th December
Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Service of the Word

6.30pm Churchdown Scouts Carol Service

Morning and Evening Prayer
9.00am & 5.00pm daily
Morning Prayer Saturday 9.30 am

Monday 10th

2.00pm Knit & Natter

2.00pm Movement to Music

Tuesday 11th

10.00am TOTS

4.00pm PSALMS

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 12th

10.00 am Holy Communion

6.00pm Brownies

Thursday 13th

10.30am Advent reflections week 3

Saturday 15th

12pm-2pm Carol Singing

7.30pm Concert for Samara's Aid
at St Andrew's

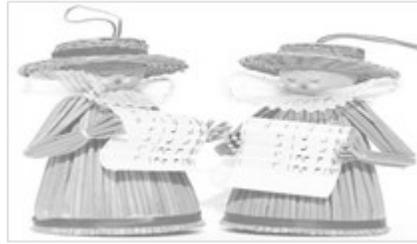
Sunday 16th December, Third Sunday of Advent

10.00am Parish Eucharist

5.00pm Carol Service with SSF

Readings Luke 3:7-18
Philippians 4: 4-7

Notices



Carol Singing: Saturday 15th December
12-1pm: Tesco, St Oswalds Park, collecting for Christian Aid
1-2pm: Tesco, Churchdown, with St Andrew's

Christmas Concert in support of

Samara's Aid: Saturday 15th December,
7.30pm with the Wide Valley Singers at St Andrew's. Tickets are £7 from St Andrew's Church Office or see Jane Inglesby.

Carol Service, Sunday 16th December, 5pm.
All welcome to our traditional service of readings and carols, followed by refreshments.

Christmas Cards: Please take some to deliver. We take them to more than 4,000 houses altogether, so any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Advent Reflections: To discuss our favourite carols, Thursday mornings at 10.30am in church. Led by Rev'd Simon and Lesley Flannagan. All are welcome.

The Feast of St John the Evangelist: Sunday 30th December. The service will be at 11am (no 8am or 10am), followed by a 2-course hot lunch at 12.30pm. Tickets £5 from Church Office or Social Committee. Numbers limited to 30—first come, first served.

Wednesday Communion: There will be no service on 26th December.

Railway Tour 2019:

If you haven't paid your final balance it is now due. Please contact Chris Hill.

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Sunday 9th December 2018
Year C

The Second Sunday of Advent



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.