

Sunday 14th December - 3rd of Advent - Service Details

After the service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments, served in the hall by Ian & Jackie Spencer, Margaret Vane, and Arthur Vane.

Sidespeople: Chris and Sylvia Stenton

Hymns: **50** - The advent of our King
 54 - Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
 44i - *O Child of promise, come! (optional)*
 394 - Tell out, my soul

Kyrie: Mass in G - Schubert

Setting: St George's Mass - Peacock

First reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10 (p. 673) read by Roy Large

Psalm: 12

*(The choir will sing the response first. You're invited to join where indicated by **R**)*

Response: You alone will watch over us

Help me, Lord, for no one godly is left; the faithful have vanished from the whole human race. They all speak falsely with their neighbour; they flatter with their lips, but speak from a double heart. **R**

O that the Lord would cut off all flattering lips and the tongue that speaks proud boasts! Those who say, 'With our tongue will we prevail; our lips we will use; who is lord over us?' **R**

'Because of the oppression of the needy, and the groaning of the poor, I will rise up now,' says the Lord, 'and set them in the safety that they long for.' The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in the furnace and purified sev'n times in the fire. **R**

You, O Lord, will watch over us and guard us from this generation for ever. The wicked strut on every side, when what is vile is exalted by the whole human race. **R**

Second reading: James 5: 7-10 (NT p. 228) read by Jim Lowe

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11 (NT p. 10)

Intercessor: James Parkin

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All who normally receive communion in any church are welcome to receive today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides when you come, to signal your intention. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available; please come to the central altar & ask if you require either.

When receiving the wine, please don't dip your wafer into the wine (intinction). All advice suggests that drinking from the cup is a more hygienic method of sharing.

Communion Motet: Ex Zion - Rheinberger

Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV211 -
Buxtehude