

For Our Prayers

Sick & Housebound:

Janet Aston, Pamela Anderson, Owen Allaway
Janet Bromley, Kerry Bullows, Mick Bullows
Colin & Diane Bradshaw, Jackie Broom, Cheryl Ball,
Jackie Bell, Chris Cleford, Carla & Craig Bolton,
Emily Cousland, Michael & Carol Connochie,
Michael Crowe, Christopher & Karen Carter
Brian Evans, Ann Foster Jill Watts, Val Dallaway,
David Dixon, Pam Edwards, Simon Glenn,
Wilf Griffiths, Lorraine Garland, Gordon Gaskill,
Martin Horton, Alan Halford, Margaret Holloway,
Glenis Kirton, Ray Stevens, Sean Hughes,
George & Marian Harris, Ron Jeavons, Jacob Smith,
Adrian Shaw, Steve Rolls, Maisie & Steve Marsh,
Brandon Mushi, Karen & Neale Love, Ann Lovesy,
Fr. Barry Smart, Chris Smith, Josie Pountney,
Stefan Cidealau, Cynthia Stokes, Rachel Thomas,
Catherine Thomas, Dorothy & Alan Parsons,
Eileen & John Wooldridge & Fr James Walton

Birthdays

11th Nicky Pinchers,

Recently Departed

Darren Murphy Carol Long, Linda Cartwright
John Bailey, Gail Jones & Roger Stevens.

Years Mind

7th Florence Brindley, Kathleen Eagles,
Derek Howell, Mary Vickers.8th Maureen Price.
9th Rita Andrews, Dorothy Bill, Gladys Bullows.
10th Anthony Houldey, Audrey Davies,
Margaret Piper.11th Robert Duffield, Hanorah
Hedgecox, Jeff Blest, Joan Clarke, Louis Eades.
Christopher Eggington. 12th Edward Thorne,
Dorothy Head, Neil Hollyhead, Sarah Haynes,
13th Mary Johnson, Clive Holloway, Doris Guest,
William Scriven, Michael Gadd

Forthcoming Events

7th Dec **Carol Service** 4pm St James
8th December **TG SINGERS** Christmas Favourites
See Karen for tickets 7.30pm
13th Dec **Coffee Morning** St Chad's 10.30am
14th Dec **Carol Service** 4pm St Chad's
20th Dec **Christingle** St Chad's 4pm
24th Dec **Christmas Eve service**
7pm St James.
Midnight Mass 11.30pm St Chads
Christmas Day 10.00am St Chad's
1st Jan **New Year's Day** 12noon St James
3rd Jan **Christmas Party St Chad's** All are
welcome Bring & Share 7.00pm
31st Jan **St Chad's Burns Night** £12.50
See Kerry for Tickets



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THIS WEEK



8.00am	Mass St. Chad
9.30am	Parish Mass St James
11.00am	Parish Mass St Chads
4.00pm	Carol service St James
<i>Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10,, Psalm 72, Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12</i>	
Monday 8th	Immaculate Conception of Mary
1.00pm	Stretch & Tone
7.30pm	Zumba
Tuesday 9th	Advent
9.40am	Art Group
10.15am	Funeral for the late Linda Cartwright
7.00pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday 10th	Advent
9.30am	Mass St Chad
10.30am	Bramford School Carol Service
1.30pm	Zumba Gold
7.00pm	Bums & Tums
7.00pm	Ellenvale Carol concert St James Hall
Thursday 11th	Advent
10.00am	Mass St. James
12.30pm	Seated Pilates
Friday 12th	Advent
7.00pm	Mass St. Chad
7.30pm	Ti Chi
Saturday 13th	St Lucy
10.00am	Mass St. Chad
10.30am	Coffee Morning St Chads
3rd Sunday in Advent	
8.00am	Mass St. Chad
9.30am	Mass St James
11.00am	Mass St. Chad
4.00pm	Carol Service St Chads
<i>Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10,, Psalm 146, James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11</i>	

Sunday 7 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, May no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R**

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **R**

May his name endure for ever, his name continue like the sun. Every tribe shall be blest in him, all nations shall call him blessed. **R**

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and

encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." ' Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.