

Sunday 3rd December 2023
Advent Sunday



Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: One more step along the world I go
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Lord Jesus Christ
Come on and celebrate

Reading Mark 13.24 -37(NIV page 1019)

6.30 pm A Service of Readings and Music for Advent
Minister: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
To give thanks for the Marthas
Who look after our Parish Church

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 4th December *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c. 749*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.00 am Holmewood House rehearsals – Parish Church

TUESDAY 5th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 6th *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 326*

8.00 am Holmewood rehearsal

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Memorial Service for Jane Hollands at the Parish Church
With the Choir

THURSDAY 7th *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*

8.00 am Holmewood rehearsal

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.00 am Holmewood House Junior Carol Service – The Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

2.00 pm Holmewood House Senior Carol Service – The Vicar

4.00 pm Holmewood House Parents Carol Service – The Vicar

FRIDAY 8th *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 9th

NEXT SUNDAY 10th December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

President: The Vicar, Minister and Preacher: Rev Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Christingle at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher , Link: Rosemary Romano

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all and welcome to our services today, the First Sunday of Advent. I trust that you will feel uplifted today by our services especially our 6.30 pm of Readings and Music for Advent at the Parish Church. As we look forward to celebrating the birthday of our Lord and Saviour and start the countdown to his coming, I pray that we will all feel encouraged and energised through the waiting time'.

Ronnie

Save Our Post Office

A week ago it was announced that the Post Office in the One Stop in the village is to be downgraded to a small counter within the shop from some point next year. Staff will lose their jobs. If you would like to sign the petition to save the PO you can access it via this link. <https://chnq.it/Z64agRvJ> (also on the Parish Council Website). Alternatively you can sign the hard copy (available in both Churches today). It is important that you do not sign by both methods.

Play Time at St Paul's

From Wednesday 10th January we are delighted that a new children's and parent /carers group will begin. It will run from 9 am to 11 am at the Church Centre every Wednesday, children from birth upwards will be welcome with their adults. Drinks and biscuits will be available to accompany a fun session of play and friendship. Do please spread the word. For details please contact Liz on 07840 837968 or Annie on 07730 771818.

Youth Council

After a very busy November meeting the following has been agreed:
Two social gatherings – Escape Room and burger before Christmas and Ice Skating after Christmas, Carol Singing with the choir at Mt Ephraim House – Friday 22nd December at 4 pm.

Future Meetings

Thursday December 7th, Ranger Dan (postponed due to Storm Cieran).

Thursday January 4th New Year Celebrations at Mount Ephraim House.

Thursday February 1st 'Managing your money wisely!'

Thursday March 7th Cooking on a Budget – Fajitas for supper!

All meetings are held in the Lodge between 6 and 7:30 pm.

All years 7 -13 (ages 11 to 18 are very welcome).

I have no doubt there will be many additions to the list – all led by the Council!

Advent Service

Please do come join us this evening for our special candlelit service of Readings and Music for Advent. There are carols for the congregation to join in with and some lovely music to begin our journey towards Christmas. You will be most welcome to stay for refreshments after the service.



Family Service with Christingle

Do come and join us next Sunday, 10th December, at the Church Centre when the youngsters will have the opportunity to make their own Christingle orange.

Family Service Carols 24th December 10.00 am

For this service we hope to have live music again with a pianist. If anyone would like to join the "Band" to play with them, at this service, please contact Jean on 07905758799 or talk to me after the service on Sunday. If anyone would like to do a reading at this service, please contact me too.

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