



The Sunday Sheet *for* Advent 2 Sunday 7th December 2025

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the **Parish Eucharist**
An induction loop is provided.*

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

Entrance Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

*Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.

Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
we will make him welcome!

Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000
Tune: Personent Hodie

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

The priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist, followed by

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:
A light no darkness can put out.

The second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

The priest calls the people to penitence.

Lord, you call us to make a straight path for you to come to us, but we are too busy
with our own agendas.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you call us to level the ground for you to come to us, but we are too preoccupied with making our own lives easy.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you call us to smooth the way so that all flesh may see your glory, but we are too embarrassed to speak of our faith.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you and set you free from sin,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray:

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,
who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please Sit

Isaiah 11. 1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please Stand

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.

Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

Prepare the way for the Lord.

Make God's pathway straight,

and all the earth shall see the saving love of God.

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.

Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

Bernadette Farrel b.1957

Tune: Gospel Greeting

Matthew 3. 1-12

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” ’

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Please Sit

The Affirmation of Faith

Please Stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Intercessions

Please Sit

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please Stand

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

Offertory Hymn

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the One, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God is King, his throne eternal,
God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
Light of light to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking by his Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the First and God the Last.

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959
Tune: Blaenwern

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.
We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of hope,
renew in us the joy of your salvation
and make us a living sacrifice to you;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks, holy Father,
all-powerful and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who humbled himself to live among us,
taking human flesh,
fulfilling the plan you formed long ago
and opening to us the way to salvation.
We watch and wait for that day
when our Lord Jesus Christ will be revealed,
when justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps,
that when he comes in glory, with healing in his wings
we may inherit the promised salvation in which we dare to hope.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.
You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.
We give you thanks
that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Please Sit

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

We sing

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.

If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.

Hymn at the end of Communion

Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord,
keep watch, take heart. *(Sing through 3 times)*

Taize Community

Silence is kept

Post Communion Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life;
through our sharing in this holy sacrament
teach us to judge wisely earthly things
and to yearn for things heavenly.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine on you and scatter the darkness from before you.
And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

John Milton (the elder) 1563-1647
Based on verses from Psalms 82, 85, 86
Tune: St Stephen

Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Christmas Coffee Morning will take place at the Parish Church on Saturday 20th December from 10am to 1pm. A warm festive welcome to all.

Christmas Services. A card giving details of all the Christmas Services in the Mission Area is available. Please do take one for yourself and others to pass on to friends and neighbours.

Carols by 1000 Candles an evening of Christmas Music with the Cathedral Choir on Friday 19th December.

Admission £10 on the door. Children free. Proceeds to the work of the Cathedral Choir.

Carol Singing. The Cathedral Choir will be at the Tweedmill singing Carols on Saturday 13th December.

Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church. We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Dave Bradley or Marion Hughes for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation.

For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



The Week Ahead

8th Monday – Cynidr

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Tenovus Concert

9th Tuesday – Advent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
2.30pm Fairholme School Service
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

10th Wednesday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Schools Service
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Advent Confirmation

11th Thursday – Advent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
1pm Ruthin School Service
2.30pm Youth Group
5pm Evening Prayer

12th Friday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Christmas Murder Mystery

13th Saturday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

14th Sunday – Advent 3 (Gaudete)

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong
7pm Trelawnyd MVC Concert

Today's Readings

Isaiah 11. 1-10

The Jews had suffered greatly at the hands of foreign powers and ungodly leadership, but now God declares that better things will come out of these most unpromising of circumstances.

Psalms 72. 1-7

Romans 15. 4-13

Paul has been encouraging the Roman Christians to think not only about themselves, but the needs of other believers. He goes on to encourage this further by reminding them of the example of Christ who served others.

Matthew 3. 1-12

Jesus' ministry is about to start and John the Baptist is determined to make sure that people are ready for it.



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