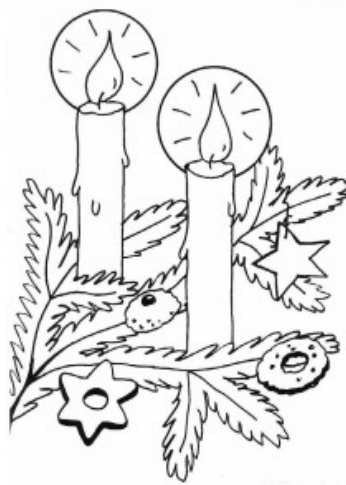


St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist



The Second Sunday in Advent **8th December 2019**

In Advent, we begin a time of waiting and watching: waiting for Christ's birth and return and watching for the signs of the Kingdom.

We light four Advent candles as a reminder of those who prepared the way for the coming of the Christ. The second candle focuses on the Prophets: those Biblical figures who foretold the birth of the Messiah.

Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Whether this is your first time or whether you have been coming for years, we are delighted to welcome you.

We prepare for worship by being still, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we encourage you to use the time before the service in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

Mass setting: Schubert in E^b

The service is led by the Vicar, the Revd. James Pacey

The preacher is Jake Hyatt

A prayer before the service begins:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together the words in bold print. We stand to sing.

HYMN

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| <p>1. 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.
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>When he comes,</i>
<i>when he comes,</i>
<i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> | <p>2. 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.
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>When he comes,</i>
<i>when he comes,</i>
<i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> |
| <p>3. Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>When he comes,</i>
<i>when he comes,</i>
<i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> | <p>4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
<i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i>
<i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i>
<i>Jesus comes,</i>
<i>Jesus comes,</i>
<i>We will make him welcome</i></p> |

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

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

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

We remain standing as the priest introduces the service.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

After, our children leave for Kids' Church.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

cf. John 1.23

Lord, you came to gather the nations to yourself,
Come to bring us peace Lord,
the peace of your Kingdom.

**All Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,**
(tr. Lord, have mercy)

Lord, you came among us to suffer for our sins.
Give us your forgiveness
and grant to us life.

**All Christe eleison, Christe eleison,
Christe eleison, Christe eleison,**
(tr. Christ, have mercy)

You will come in glory to call us back to life.
Judge us with your mercy,
compassion and love.

**All Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the priest introduces a period of silent prayer.

THE COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 11.1-10

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We remain seated for the canticle, standing and facing the Gospel as it is processed.

CANTICLE – THE BENEDICTUS: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old:
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.**

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father,
calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us thorough the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father,
calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

The Lord be with you,

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3.1-12

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,
All **Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.**

After a prayer we sit for the sermon.

THE SERMON

After the sermon we stand to declare the faith of the Church using the Creed.

THE CREED

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

After, we kneel or sit for the prayers.

INTERCESSIONS

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The prayers may conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
All **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand for the Peace.

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All **and also with you.**

*We greet one another with Christ's Peace by offering each a hand in greeting saying
"the peace of the Lord be always with you" and the reply "and also with you".*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**1.
Hills of the north, rejoice;
echoing songs arise.
Hail with united voice;
Him who made earth and skies;
He comes in righteousness and love
He brings salvation from above.**

**2.
Isles of the southern seas,
sing to the listening earth.
Carry on every breeze,
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.**

3. **Lands of the East, awake,
He is your brightest morn.
Greet Him with joyous eyes.
praise shall His path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.**
4. **Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun.
Welcome the heavenly guest,
in whom the dawn has cone;
He brings a never-ending light.
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**
5. **Shout, while ye journey on;
songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North they come,
from East, and West, and South.
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest,
we come to live and reign in thee!**

We remain standing for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayer is printed in full below if the responses are unfamiliar, although we encourage you to observe and prayerfully listen to the liturgy.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

We sit or kneel.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
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.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we await our coming Saviour,
Let us pray with confidence as He has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

AGNUS DEI

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Miserere nobis, miserere nobis,
O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God,
Donna nobis pacem**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion in a circle around the altar. All are very welcome. We remain in the circle until all have received though if standing for long periods is tricky, do feel free to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please do come up but keep your hands in front of you. During communion, Esther Turner will provide music on the cello to aid us in our prayer.

After all have received, we hold a time of stillness.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
**All we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES including the handing over of the Posada.

The following prayer is said:

Almighty God,
As the incarnate Word journeyed from heaven to earth
out of love for your creation,
and as Mary and Joseph journeyed with the Christ child,
so too do we pray that those who journey with the Posada
may so catch a glimpse of your splendour,
that their hearts and minds may be renewed by the same light
we journey toward in these weeks of Advent.
In the name of the Word incarnate,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

After we have heard from the children we pray:

Almighty God,
All **We give you thanks and praise for our life together.
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,
so make us one in hearts and mind,
in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

- 1. God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**
- 2. What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the love of God in all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?**

3. **March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**
4. **All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Voluntary: Preludes on the tune "Personnet Hodie"

Do stay for tea, coffee and a chat!

NOTICES

James' Parish Days

This week will be Tuesday and Wednesday.

Date for the Diary – Beer and Carols, this Tuesday 10th at 7pm

Following the huge success last year, we will be having another Beer and Carols evening in the Gladstone. This will be a fun evening with singing, mince pies and beer (non-alcoholic drinks available!) Do come along!

Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the Advent Fair - whether on stalls and workshops, organising, performing, donating items, catering delivering posters and leaflets, attending to support the day and much more. It was a real community event with everyone coming together to make it a success.

Election Welcomers

We are once again serving as a polling station for the 12th December. It is always good to have folks from the St. John's community serving as welcomers. If you are able to offer an hour, then do please sign up on the sheet at the back.

The Carrington Nativity

Do get your tickets and please encourage someone who does not yet know of the story to join you. If you're able to lend a hand on the night either front of house or refreshments, do have a word with James.

Christingle Making

Ahead of our Christingle service next week, do join us from 9.30am on Saturday morning as we get the Christingles prepared.

Dinner at the Vicarage

Do sign up on the sheet at the back for one of the monthly dinners with James & Rachael.

Services & events this week

Tuesday 10th December 9am 12pm 7pm	Morning Prayer Midday Prayer Beer and Carols at the Gladstone
Wednesday 11th December 9am 10am 12-2pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i> Carrington Community Café
Thursday 12th December 9.30am-11am	Toddlers
Saturday 14th December 9am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th December 10am	Parish Eucharist and Christingle Service

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