

# *St Andrew's Church*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Advent.*

*Newsletter for 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020*

*10.00am Mass on Zoom (NB 10.00am this week)*

*Celebrant Father Jaisher; Preacher Val Powell*

## **Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah**

Zephaniah 1; 7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## **Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Matthew 25;14-30

Jesus taught his disciples, saying, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

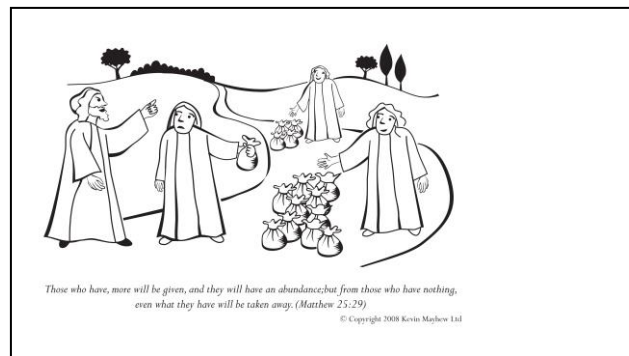
The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a

few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.'

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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### Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Kirsten Jeffs; Martin and Angela; Gill Ludford; Annette Black and family; Eileen, Leo; Genna Tripichio, Gary and Mark; Sue Lane, Kevin and family; baby Azaylia Cain.

**Anniversary of death:** Violet Rotheroe.

### Notices

Thank you Chris for organizing the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Thursday last. Thanks to those who attended and donated. A total of £90 was raised.

### Raising funds

St Andrew's is registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to raise money for church when you shop online. If you are already part of this scheme, please consider adding St Andrew's Church - Handsworth to your list of causes. Even an occasional donation would be helpful. If you are not already a member, sign up for free! This is how it works: Every time you shop online, head to easyfundraising first. There are over 3,000 retailers on board, so simply pick the one you want to visit and start shopping. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a free donation to your good cause and it won't cost you a penny extra! All you need to do is remember to come back to easyfundraising before you shop. Currently, we get an extra £5 for each person who signs up and then raises £5 for us.

**Prayer** Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have given us all talents and abilities. You have created each of us in a unique way, that we may give our own unique service and talents to you. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, giver of all good gifts, we give you thanks for all you have given us. May we share our talents and use them to the benefit of others and for your glory. We pray today for all who tell others of your love and proclaim the Gospel. We ask your blessing upon all who minister to others. Giver of all good gifts, hear us and help us to live to your glory. Amen.

David Adam