

# *St Andrew's Church*

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

*Newsletter for 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021*

*10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube*

*Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Hugh Houghton*

*If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.*

**Hymn numbers for the Mass 152 140 447 491**

### **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. **Amen.**

### **Reading**

**Malachi 3; 1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **Gospel**

**Luke 3; 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



### **Post Communion Prayer**

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. **Amen.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Linda, Rianne, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Viki Sidhu, Beryl Clayton.

**Anniversary of death:** David Freeman, Bea Wolverson, Sheila Sargeant.

### **Notices**

- Wednesday - Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer. 7pm on Zoom
- Thursday – Coffee Morning 10-12.
- Saturday – Church Gardening 11am-1pm.
- Carols in the Park - near St - Mary's – Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Bring a torch.
- Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> 4pm Carol Service

### **Prayer**

A Prayer following the tragic loss of life of refugees in the Channel.

God of the destitute  
You know each one of us by name  
And teach us that not one sparrow falls to the ground without you noticing,  
Hear then the cries of those caught up in the tragedy in the Channel.  
Give your comfort the bereaved  
And your healing to the traumatised;  
And grant eternal rest to those who drowned.  
As we are tempted to look away from that which disturbs us,  
Keep us uncomfortable until the day  
When no one is displaced through violence or poverty;  
Human beings do not exploit one another;  
And we have built your kingdom here on earth.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

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