

ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLEVEDON

"A Christ - Centred Community of Extravagant Welcome and Radical Hospitality"

The Third Sunday of Advent *Sunday 11 December 2022*



All Souls Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Vivienne Pyle
Christ Church Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Sarah Park

*Please be aware that the service from All Souls
will be live-streamed to our Face Book page.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and fill our lives, all dark and fear dispel,
as once an exiled Israel you found,
redeemed, restored and set on holy ground.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
and in our hearts will dwell.

2. O come, O light of Christ, so bright and clear
and lift our spirits by your advent here.
In all who gather, show us your face,
that we may know the warmth of your embrace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
and in our hearts will dwell.

3. O come, O Wisdom, mind and heart divine
help us restore a world we've let decline.
Enlighten us; your way we would know
and show us where new seeds of hope to sow.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
and in our hearts will dwell.

4. O Advent God of hope, joy, love and peace,
in you we pray our sad divisions cease.
Bind us as one, a people of grace,
for at your table each one has a place.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
and in our hearts will dwell.

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WELCOME

GATHERING

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We shall rejoice and be glad in it.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting the Third Candle - Joy

Reader 1: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing ... A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray . . . (Isaiah 35:1-2).

Reader 2: The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God’s house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

Reader 1: The Psalmist says “Happy are these whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 146)

Reader 2: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God’s promise.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope.
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Amen.

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.'
Isaiah 35:3-4

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**John your herald preached to bring us to repentance;
open our eyes, almighty God,
show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 35 : 1 - 10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

In place of Psalm: Luke 1 : 46 - 55

⁴⁶ And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ **and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,**

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ **for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ **He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ **he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ **according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'**

Epistle Reading: James 5 : 7 - 10

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GRADUAL HYMN

1. Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.

2. Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.

3. Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary's Child,
shown on your cross of wood.

4. Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.

Words Geoffrey Ainger

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11 : 2 - 11

Before the Gospel: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Praise and Glory to God.

After the Gospel: This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—
God coming to us
in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's joy in the face of despair.
He broke free the captives,
and is leading the way
to the land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth
as the body of Christ,
and empowers us
to confront and transform
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God.
Announced by the Baptist,
it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated
when all who have passed through
the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters,
robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfilment
of God's desire.**

**For the coming of that day on this day,
we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

Prayers of Intercession

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you all.
In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau / Brothers and sisters
Christ calls us to live in unity.
We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.
2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.
3. The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears:
the joy of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.
4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent
where hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised or bent:
the grace of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.
5. The Son of God comes close where people praise his name
where bread and wine are blessed and shared as when he came;
the Son of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

Words: John Bell & Graham Maule, Tune: Love Unknown

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.

By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.

All you have made is good.

Your love endures for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

How can we thank you, O God?

For sun and moon and stars,
for breath and life and all things good,
for your steadfast promise and your faithful love,
for the day that is surely coming
when all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
who came to be your living Word,
to baptize us with Spirit and fire,
to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty,
and to announce the good news of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come,
Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.

He said to them, I will not eat this Passover again
until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Then Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took a cup, saying,
This cup that is poured out for you
is the new covenant in my blood.
I will not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
sharing this holy meal,
remembering Christ's dying and rising,
and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us—
this bread, this cup, these people—
Christ's body and blood,
given in love for the world.

Make us one in the Spirit,
one in the church,
and one with Christ our Lord.

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people,
serving our neighbours, worshiping you alone.
Keep us in the peace of Christ
until you gather us at your table in glory.

Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:
prepare the way of the Lord!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Come God's people.
Come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer,
to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry,
and liberation for the oppressed. **Amen.**

NOTICES AND BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people
light for the world to see.
*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness,
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone, has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Christ be our light*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Christ be our light*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Christ be our light*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Christ be our light*

DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen! We go in the name of Christ.

ADVENT EVENT

Stations of the Nativity THIS EVENING 6.30pm-9pm

Thank you to all those who have indicated they are available to help with set up and staffing various stations. Sarah has contacted those who are assisting.

Attendance at this event is **free for parishioners**. We are asking a donation of food towards the City Mission. To register to attend, go to the Stations of the Nativity Tab on our webpage and **scroll to the bottom for parishioner entry**. Visitors are asked to make a donation to the parish.

WELCOME TO CLEVEDON LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who played a part in welcoming our new neighbours, bringing and serving food and assisting with setting up and dismantling equipment.

The event was a great success and appreciated by our visitors.

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

To be drawn on Sunday 18
December.
\$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3.
See Mary in the Hall.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 7 : 10 – 16
Psalm 80 : 1 – 7, 17 – 19
Romans 1 : 1 – 7
Matthew 1 : 18 - 25

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from
Thursday 22nd December at 12.00 noon until Monday 16th January.
Sarah will be on call 23rd December – 3rd January- 021 024 53783
Vivienne on call 4th– 15th January - 021 251 3825

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

12 - 18 DECEMBER

Mahjong	1.00pm	Tuesday	Christ Church Room
Men's Group	9.30am	Wednesday	Windross Farm
Bridge Club	10.00am	Wednesday	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	7.00pm	Wednesday	Parish Hall and ZOOM
Eucharist	9.00am	Sunday	Hunua
	9.30am	Sunday	Christ Church

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