

# Advent Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> December 2024



StMARY *with* StALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

## THE GATHERING

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.
2. For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee where they come,  
and going, take thee to their home.
3. Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.
4. Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer,  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.
5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*First Candle - The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

*(The first candle is lit)*

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen**

*The Children's Church leave for their worship*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*All* **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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn: **for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek: **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness:

**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful: **for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart: **for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers: **for they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake:

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON – *Setting by John Merbecke*

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

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

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

## THE COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING – *Jeremiah 33.14–16*, read by a member of the congregation

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord,

**All Thanks be to God**

### THE PSALMODY – *Psalms 25.1–9*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; ♦  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦  
for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, ♦  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 **He will guide the humble in doing right ♦  
and teach his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ♦  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING – *1 Thessalonians 3.9–13, read by the subdeacon*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord,

**All Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING - *Luke 21.25–36*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

*Jacques Berthier*

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

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

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this



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

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,  
and ev'ry voice a song.

2. He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before Him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

3. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of His grace,  
to bless the humbled poor.

4. Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring,  
with Thy beloved Name.

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one, so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

*All* **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has set her table. Glory to you, O God, for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

*All* **and with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*All* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

✠ **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

#### THE 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

*O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

## GIVING OF 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.

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen**

**All Almighty God, 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.**

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1. Hills of the North, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.

Christ 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, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.

4. Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5. Shout, as you journey home,  
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 universe be blest.

### THE BLESSING

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**All Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**All Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love.

**All Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The ministers and people depart.*



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# NOTICES:

Thank you for your help and support Christmas Bazaar, Sustainable Christmas evening and Community Café at Teddington Lights Up were all a great success.

**TONIGHT**

**Posada**



**Advent Carol Service 6.30pm, SMwSA**

Host the Holy Family during their journey to Bethlehem! Receive the Holy Family (with some supporting materials and prayers) from the previous hosts, and deliver them on to the next. It is a great way of anticipating the arrival of the birth of Christ in 'real time' for all ages. There is a sign up sheet for the Posada at the back of the church



**Advent course**

**Insights into the Extraordinary Mind of the Mystic** (based on Traherne poetry) Wednesdays 4th, 11th & 18th December Mina Hogan Room, 11.00am-12.15pm

**Compline**

Wednesday evenings 8.00pm Zoom details on Churchsuite & web.

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Carol Singing at The Anglers Pub 7.00pm** A great-fun evening, with the Vicar leading the singing, raising money for Welcare

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Worship with Scratch Nativity Play 9.00am** All children are invited to come in their favourite Nativity outfit.

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm** followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the parish hall  
**Longest Night Service 7.30pm** a quiet, reflective service, for anyone and particularly those looking for an opportunity for peace at this busy time or those experiencing grief.

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**Christmas Eve**

**Crib Services** come and welcome the arrival of the baby Jesus and his family at a joyful service of carols with the story of the Nativity! Designed for people of all ages and young children are particularly welcome. All three services are identical and last about 45 minutes.

2.00pm

3.30pm

5.00pm

**Christmas Eve**

**Midnight Mass of Christmas** **11.30pm.** You are welcome to this traditional choral service of Holy Communion, which includes the Christmas Sermon and much loved Christmas-Carols. This service starts in candle-light when we welcome the Christ Child among us.

**Christmas Day**

**Holy Communion of the Nativity 8.00am.** Welcome to this intimate Holy Communion in the ancient rite of the Book of Common Prayer.

**Family Eucharist of Christmas 10.00am** All are welcome to join us for this all-age, all carols, all joyful family celebration of Christmas - a wonderful way of embarking upon the perfect holy season.

**Services marked**

Book ticket for every person attending online via churchsuite or website following this link QR code link







**Services marked**

Can be viewed live on our YouTube channel.

**Parish office**

**The office will be closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

<p><b>Christmas Stocking Appeal</b></p> <p><b>Foreign currency (Notes and coins)</b></p> <p><b>Quiz Night Saturday, 8th February 2025</b></p> <p><b>Tango Evening Saturday, 18 January 2025</b></p> 	<p><u>Add your name to the Christmas Stocking!</u> Donate to <i>Building Anew</i>. Follow the QR code and choose the amount, you would like to give. Thank you.</p> <p><u>Please keep your foreign currency coming to us</u>, even if it has expired. Please place donations in an envelope (with gift aid info if you can) and in the plate on Sunday or drop into the Parish Office.</p> <p><u>Book your place/s now</u> for this epic Quiz Night with a fun 8-round quiz from famed local Quizmasters Mark &amp; Debby. A tasty fish &amp; chip supper is included in your ticket to keep you fuelled through the rounds. Expect lots of fun whilst challenging your grey matter! No need to book a full table. Tickets £20.</p> <p><u>Book now for this special evening of music and dancing</u> for all, a fundraiser for Building Anew thanks to Margaret Lochrie and Freedom Tango. Starting with a beautiful 30-minute Tango performance, followed by a short Tango taster lesson ahead of a chance to dance and socialise. £15 With a Bar available - your ticket includes a free drink arrival. Doors open from 7.15pm. Book via QR code</p>	 
<p><b>Donate to fill RUILS Christmas Boxes for Disabled</b></p> 	<p>Local charity, RUILS are again delivering around 80 Christmas parcels to disabled people and their families, as part of their ongoing commitment to enable independent living. Donations are needed of essentials including tinned veg/meat/fish, pasta/rice, toiletries tea and coffee, as well as treats such as biscuits, chocolate, crisps and mince pies. Please help and bring your donations to the back of church by 15<sup>th</sup> December or if you prefer to make a donation for Ruils to purchase the items needed, follow the QR code.</p>	
<p><b>SMSP School Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Somerset Road, Teddington Pleae do support their <u>Christmas Tree Sale 8.30am</u> <u>Festive Bazaar 9.30-1.30pm</u></p>	
<p><b>Collect with the Carol-Singing Sleigh Monday 16th December</b></p>	<p>Monday 16th December: In partnership with the Rotary we will be walking the local streets with their Carol-Singing Sleigh. Please gather with us at church at 4.45pm.</p>	
<p><b>Christmas Day Lunch at Elleray Hall Teddington</b></p> <p><b>To attend</b></p>	<p>The Churches in Teddington are again inviting the elderly and those who are alone on Christmas Day to join them for a traditional Christmas meal. <i>There will be entertainment, as well as mince pies and carols</i></p> <p>Contact John below, transport is available if you need it.</p> <p>John Lunt 07503 584532 or <a href="mailto:CTTChristmas24@gmail.com">CTTChristmas24@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Silent night; Holy Night!</b></p>	<p>For a daily reflection throughout <u>Advent</u> and <u>Christmas</u> download the Follow the Star app (apple and android)</p>	