

Coffee and tea in church after Mass, all are welcome. Please stay if you can

11.30am Enquirers group on the Mass

This week: Divine Office - Psalter week 2

Mon 9.00am Mass Int: Forgiveness and Reconciliation
(Is.35v.1-10. Luke 5v.17-26)

Tues St. Nicholas
9.30am Mass (Isaiah 40 v 1-11; Matt 18 v 12-14)
Int: Save the Children

Wed St. Ambrose
9.30am Mass (Is 40v.25-31. Matt.11v.28-30)
Int: Forward in Faith/The Society.

Thurs IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY (Solemnity)
1.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
(Gen.3v.9-15,20. Eph.1v.3-6,11-12. Luke 1v.26-38)
2.30pm Mass. Laying on of hands for healing
Int: The sick, Healing Ministry

Fri 9.30am Mass (Isaiah 48 v 17-19; Matt 11 v 16-19)
Int: All who reject the Gospel

Sat 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday Int: The Church Restoration
(Isaiah 35v 1-6, 10; James 5v 7-10; Matt 11v 2-11)

Next Sunday - ADVENT III

9.30am Parish Mass, Address - Blessing of Outside Crib & Christmass Wreaths

NOTICES.

1. Our Crib Appeal for Christian Aid begins today and concludes on the 8th January
2. Food Bank for St. Martin's Norwich begins today
3. List on the table for Carol Singing when Santa visits Mendlesham Green and Mendlesham – 18th December 5.00pm, finishing in church at approximately 7.50 pm with coffee and mince pies

We need collectors and singers and offers of mince pies please

4. The Christmass Draw for our Restoration Fund is Sunday 18th December after Parish Mass

5. We need volunteers to help with our Tuesday Coffee Mornings in the winter months (10.30am – 12.30pm) and particularly for people to provide soup. You can claim expenses for this. Please sign the list on the red board near the organ

4th December 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Advent II - Year (A)

Theme: John the Baptist appears in the wilderness to prepare the way for the Lord saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is close at hand." As we prepare to celebrate Christmass, let us turn from sin and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn: 60 v 1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our shallow commitment and half-hearted attempts to follow you; for the opportunities of loving that we have missed; for our blindness and our pride. Lord have mercy. **People: (sing) Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our stubborn preference for our own way; for all our obstacles to your love and the sins we have grown used to; for wandering from your path and shutting our ears to your voice. Christ have mercy.

People: Christe Eleison

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not being receptive to your voice nor obeying your word; when our attention wanders and our priorities are confused. Forgive us when we listen to selfishness instead of love and when temporary pleasures assume more importance than lasting joy. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison.**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness :

No Gloria in Advent

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.* God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share His wisdom and become one with Him when He comes in glory, for He lives and reigns with you, Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: Isaiah 11 v 1-10. The Prophet describes the ideal King. It is a King in whose coming Isaiah is completely confident.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm,

on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 71 ⑩ **In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

O God give judgement to the king
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. ⑩

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. ⑩

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from the sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. ⑩

4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him
all nations bless his name. ⑩

2nd Reading: Romans 15 v 4-9 St. Paul explains how God inspired man's hopes in the Old Testament and how, in the example of Christ, he continues to do so.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Hymn: 60 v 5

Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 3 v 1-12. People go into the wilderness to hear John preach repentance, call them to a change of heart and speak of the one who is to come.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-

fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Address Lighting of Advent candle 2 - 536 v 2

CREED: Nicene - Page 7 of Hymn Book

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: "A voice in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight". As we hear that voice call to us, let us pray to the Father for the spirit of true repentance.

Reader: Let us pray for all who exercise authority in the church: that the spirit of God will rest on them, the spirit of wisdom and insight, the spirit of council and power.

Let us pray for those who are deprived of freedom and all who are oppressed because of what they are or what they believe.

Let us pray that the Lord will find us waiting and prepared at His coming, either at the hour of our death or in glory at the end of time.

Let us pray for all who seek to create a world in which there is no harm nor hurt but tolerance where there is discord. We pray for all who seek better harmony in creation

Let us pray for ourselves, that the Word of the Lord will reach us again and encourage us to turn away from anything that keeps us from the Lord.

Let us pray for all the children who feel unwanted and unloved, for all who are casualties of broken homes.

Let us pray that through prayer, laying on of hands and anointing the Lord's love may heal those who are sick, especially Andy Triscott and all prayed for in Shrine prayers.

Let us pray for the faithful departed, especially James Cutting, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and Margaret Giffin, Alfred Freeman, Audrey French; Rosemary Buckle, Harry Potter, Paul Flounders, John Garrard; Elsa Jacks; Joan Butlin; Geoffrey Hails, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

S I L E N C E

All: Lord God, all reconciliation and peace comes from you. Grant that we may hear your Son and work eagerly for the coming of your Kingdom. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 439 v 1 & 2

Offertory Prayers v 3-4

SANCTUS: John Allen setting

Mystery of Faith: No 3

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

AGNUS DEI: John Allen setting

Hymns at Holy Communion, please join in – 84

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Post Communion Prayer

Angelus

Notices

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Recessional Hymn - 498