



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Sutton
Cowling
Lothersdale**

**United Benefice of
Sutton with Cowling & Lothersdale**

St Thomas ✦ Holy Trinity ✦ Christ Church

Advent

Sunday Evening Worship – Advent

Morning Prayer – Advent

Compline (Night Prayer)



Dial in services will take place each week as shown below but please also make use of the printed services in this booklet throughout the week for personal prayer alongside the weekly 'Reading & Reflections' sheets.

Sundays 4:00pm United Benefice Evening Worship

Tuesdays 8:00pm Compline (Night Prayer)

Thursdays 10:00am Morning Prayer



United Benefice Evening Worship
Sundays in Advent
Dial-in Service at 4:00pm

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Gathering

Welcome & Greeting

Words of welcome are said.

We come from scattered lives and homes to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

Though we are physically apart, yet we are gathered
as God's people, his Church, this day.
Let us worship him together.

We Prepare for Worship

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

A hymn is sung.

We Pray for Forgiveness

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

Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Word

*The appointed **psalm** is said.*

**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.**

Scripture Reading

A reading from Scripture precedes the Gospel reading.

At the end, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Canticle (The Magnificat)

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**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.**

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

Reflection

After the reflection, silence is kept.

We Affirm our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions

This response may be used.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Collect

The Collect is said and all respond

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending Out

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Alleluia.

The following or another suitable hymn may be said or sung

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.
O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

The Word of God

Psalm 143

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgement with your servant,
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground,
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;
hide not your face from me
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust;
show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.

- 9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies,
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,
and destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for truly I am your servant.

**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.**

Scripture Reading

Short Reading: the following or some other

Keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

Mark 13.35-end

The following responsory may be said

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.**

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
 your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
 which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations
 and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**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.**

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Stir up your power, O God,
and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears
and give us peace;
through Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.
Restore us again, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.
Bless and keep us, this night and always. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer: Advent

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Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 67

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 night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalm is said - see weekly sheet

**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.**

Scripture Reading 1 - see weekly sheet

Canticle

**Lift up your voice with strength,
O herald of good tidings.**

- 1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
- 2 They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weary hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement,
coming with judgement to save you.'
- 5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.
- 7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

- 8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
- 9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

**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.**

**Lift up your voice with strength,
O herald of good tidings.**

Scripture Reading 2 - see weekly sheet

The following responsory may be said.

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
for the night is far spent.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
for the day is at hand.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
and make no provision for the flesh,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Gospel Canticle

**Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the glory that is coming from God.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

**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.**

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and see the glory that is coming from God.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day - see weekly sheet

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
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