

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER, ADVENT 3

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols,
followed by festive refreshments

We welcome The Ven. Alex Hughes,
who will be leading our services.



COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS (in pew bibles)

NT James 5. 7-10 (p. 248)
GOSPEL Matthew 11. 2-11 (p. 11-12)

NEXT WEEK, ADVENT 4

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10am Experience & Explore

Our Local Team will be leading our service.



CONTACTS

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The church is now in Vacancy, please refer any queries
to the Churchwardens and, during office hours, to
Emma.

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Emma's email address is: admin@trumpington.church

Please note Emma is not in the office on Tuesday.

*If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please
contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am
Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming
Sunday. Thank you.*

WHAT'S ON Check out the noticeboard in North Chapel

HELP REQUIRED

Monday 22 December, 10am in the Bakehouse.

Can you help make the Christingle kits?

Please join us for approximately one hour to help put
the Christingle kits together.

CEDARS GROUP - TODAY

Please note that the Cedars group is NOT meeting in the
Bakehouse this Sunday. Instead, we warmly invite the
group (and anyone else who would like to come along)
to the Christmas tree festival between the earlier time
of 1.30 to 3.30pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you would
like to join a group (Tuesday evening online or alternate
Wednesday evenings in person) and they will put you in
touch with the group leader.

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading *The Islandman* by Tomàs
O'Crohan, to discuss at the next meeting on Thursday 29
January.

*The author's sole purpose in writing this book was, he
wrote, "to set down the character of the people about
me so that some record of us might live after us, for the
like of us will never be seen again." This is an absorbing
narrative of a now-vanished way of life, written by one
who had known no other.'*

All welcome – no invitation needed! For more
information, please
email bookgroup@trumpington.church

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the
life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim
the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.

Please speak to Edmund about making a regular
electronic gift and the best way to do this. *Everything
helps – thank you!*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FAIRBITE FOOD CLUB, TRUMPINGTON PAVILION

Volunteers are needed at various times on Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays. If you can help or want to know
more please contact Jenny Bright on 07772 538628 or
email info@ccfb.org.uk.

A vast desert

Heather Smith *reflects on* Isaiah 35:1-10 and James 5:7-10

Although taken over by frenzied preparation for Christmas, Advent is really about living with the tension of waiting. James describes the patience of the farmer waiting for the crops. The interval between planting and harvest may seem to stretch endlessly, especially if the weather causes concern about the eventual outcome. But the farmer is active in the waiting time – crops need to be nurtured so there is work to be done.

For some of us, Advent waiting may be like living in Isaiah's desert, with sand everywhere we look. The unrelenting landscape, easy to lose your way in if you have no guide, can seem daunting, just as waiting can seem daunting and relentless. But Isaiah tells us of rejoicing and abundant blossoming, and of a highway on which we can travel. Advent may be a time of waiting, but it is also an opportunity to travel along the highway towards God. If the desert still seems a frightening place, on Isaiah's highway we can be sure that we are not alone or unguided. If the vast sands make us afraid, Isaiah assures us that even fools will not go astray.

Whether you see yourself as a farmer tending the crops that will bring forth good fruit, or a traveller on the road, Advent can be a time of active waiting, anticipating the changes that God will bring about in us this year. 🐪



Lord, teach us to wait well this Advent. May we tend the seed of your word, so that our wait may be fruitful and the desert may burst forth with good things on the highway that brings us closer to you. Amen.

Finding God on the smallholding

by Jeni Parsons



Last month I wrote about tiny Dafydd, the very small lamb who is only half the size of his twin. He's still very small and may not grow much more, so he will remain to graze on the smallholding for the rest of his life. But, and it's a big but, he has become the flock leader among his fellow ram lambs! He's small, not very masculine at all, but he knows where the extra food is and comes running to

feed from my hand every morning and evening and the others are beginning to follow him, not for his strength but for his knowledge and bravery, because approaching a human and her collie takes bravery.

St David of Wales was small but full of holy wisdom and told his monks pay attention to "the little things" and Dafydd, after whom he is named, is one of those "little things". 🐑

Christmas decorations Part 2 – lanterns

by Gillian Cooper

Out of the decorations box come the paper lanterns. Will they survive another year? Perhaps, if we hang them carefully. They are a bit crumpled and scruffy now, and they always were a bit wonky. But they were made by one of my sons many years ago, and I know a lot of effort went into their preparation. So not for us the tasteful, themed scheme. The tatty lanterns are up again.

The first Christmas wasn't tasteful either, or even very sensible. A plan for world salvation that has the Lord of the Universe being born in a cow shed in Roman-ruled Palestine at a time when there was no mass media to announce his arrival looks pretty fragile. But that's the way God's plan works, embracing the mess and haphazardness. 🐮

“Christmas is fast approaching. And now that Christ has aroused our seasonal expectations, he'll soon fulfil them all!”

St Augustine (AD 354-430), theologian, philosopher and bishop