

The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One for other news and notices)*

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

Today's Services:

10am Shurdington Primary School **'Let's Worship'**

This will be the only service in the Benefice today - all welcome.

Collect

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.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 2.1-5

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, •
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing •
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city •
that is at unity in itself.
- 4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, •
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, •
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: •
'May they prosper who love you.'
- 7 'Peace be within your walls •
and tranquillity within your palaces.'
- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake, •
I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, •
I will seek to do you good.

Romans 13.11-end

An Urgent Appeal

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now
the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is
nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the
night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside
the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;
¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and
drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not
in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to
gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24.36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

36 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither
the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of
the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood
they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in

marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

ECO tip for November

Measure your carbon footprint.

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, <https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators/> offers a specific resource for households. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.

This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Wilson Road.
- Bell ringers and organists and all other musicians in our three churches
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy. Amen

In Church next week

Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8am	St Paul's	Holy Communion BCP
9:30am	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Worship
11am	St Mary's	Sunday Worship
3pm	Witcombe Village Hall	Make your own Christingle service