



# St James the Great, Daisy Hill

30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Advent Sunday

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## PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

We will now receive Communion kneeling at the rail in a row. Please come up when directed, and take your place along the rail, either kneeling or standing, depending on your preference. The Priest and server will make their way along the line, please then leave back down the organ side of the chancel. Communion will remain the same, if you wish to either take bread only or bread then shared cup, put out one hand. If you then wish to take wine, hold out your hands again as the server with the cup passes.

If you wish to stick with an intincted wafer, then the Priest will have a separate chalice in their hand, and will give you an intincted wafer, please hold both hands out for this option. Blessing stays the same, hands folded to receive a blessing.

## Hymns

- 399** Lo he comes with clouds descending
- 524** O thou who camest from above
- 280** How lovely on the mountains
- 722** When God Almighty came to earth
- 683** To God be the glory

## The 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. **Amen.**

## Post 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**

## **READINGS FROM THE BIBLE**

### **Old Testament - Isaiah 2:1-5**

*(Jenn Hulme)*

The Old Testament reading is from the book of Isaiah  
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. 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.  
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 either shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 122**

*(Greg Dunne)*

A reading of Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'  
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.  
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'  
For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.  
This is the word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **Epistle - Romans 13:11-14**

*(Ellie Guénault)*

The Epistle is from St Paul's letter to the Romans

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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel - Matthew 24:36-44**

*(Vicar)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ**

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## **NOTICES**

**Beanie Hats** It is now time to bring in your Beanie Hats for Operation Christmas Child, please bring them onto church as soon as you can.

**Study Group** There will be a study group on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm** at my house, please let me know if you want to come.

Malcolm

**Toy Service** This year the Toy Service is on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, where we will continue supporting **The Children's Society** by sending simple toiletries for the society's "Away from home Children" of which sadly there are still many hundreds!

Also **Sarah Lodge** are always grateful for our gifts for the children resident there. Unfortunately we will not know the ages of the children until nearer the time as circumstances can always change. As you may remember Sarah Lodge is for mothers and their young children who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

**PLEASE HELP.** St. James has always been generous, we know times are hard for all of us but as it has been said "every little helps", and our gifts are always very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Sunday Morning Refreshments** We are currently one short for our Coffee Rota. It is only once every six weeks, Any kind of volunteers to help us out? Think about it and if you can help please mention it to Judith.

**A Taizé Service** will take place on Advent Sunday which is the **30<sup>th</sup> November, at 6.00pm** in **St James Church**.

### **Ignite Youth**

Next Ignite Youth - **Christmas Party on 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm.**

*RSVP [igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com](mailto:igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com)*

### **200 Club Winners**

**Aug: £50** C Power, **£25** S Hurst, **£10** K Dickie

**Sept: £50** K Downs, **£25** J Smith, **£10** D Kendall

**Oct: £50** E Young, **£25** N Edmundson, **£10** C Power

### **Wiggle Worship – Wednesdays during**

**term time.** For all pre-school children, from babies to school age and their carers. Join Wiggle the bookworm with stories, crafts, songs, play and refreshments – no cost to attend.

**Open Doors** St. James Church **10 am-12 pm** the **first Saturday of the month**. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, coffee, tea and toast - even crumpets if you like.

## Christmas Dinner on Jesus

We are supporting the Christmas Dinner on Jesus initiative again this year, it is organised by our local foodbanks and aims to give everyone who could not afford a Christmas dinner, the support they need at this time when we all celebrate. This year we are donating chocolate mints, if you are able to donate some please bring them to church as soon as possible and we will organise their transport to the collection point.

**We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at**

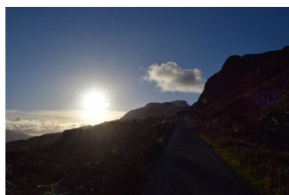
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BOLTON WEST MISSION COMMUNITY



## TAIZE FOR ADVENT

**Light in our darkness**



**A service of music and reflection  
to prepare for the  
holy season of Advent.**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6 pm**

**ST JAMES' CHURCH, ST JAMES' STREET,**

## Events at St John's Wingates.

### A Wingates Christmas - Wingates Brass Band

Tuesday 9th December 8.00-10.00pm

Doors open 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £10 Under 16s Free

Includes Refreshment

Please contact

[stjohnswingates.wardens@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnswingates.wardens@gmail.com) to  
reserve tickets and pay on arrival.

Please note: a ticket must be reserved to  
guarantee entry. Please book early to  
avoid disappointment.

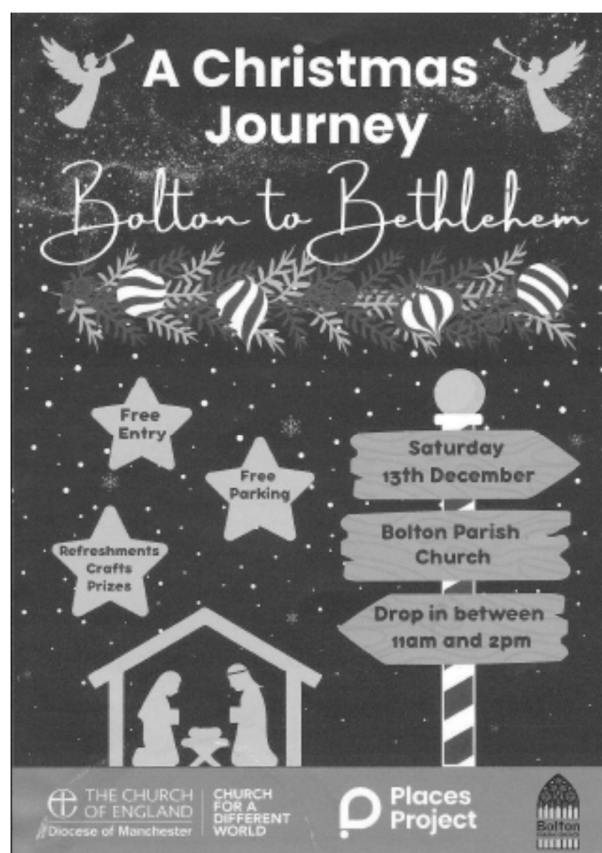
### "Advent Reflections"

#### Team Worship Service

Sunday 14th December at 6.00 pm

An evening of worship, readings and  
reflection led by the Team Worship Band

Refreshments will be served after the  
service



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