



South Wye Benefice Newsletter

16th November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent

Messy Church

Messy church is on the 14th November, 3.30-5pm in St. Martin's Hall

This month we will be exploring the story of Noah.
All welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Church Cleaning Group

The cleaning group are meeting at St. Martin's at 1pm on 19th November for our next clean-up! All are welcome to help.

Happy Anniversary!

Wishing Irene and Michael Goodman a very happy 50th wedding anniversary!

St. Martin's Christmas Fair

St. Martin's Christmas Fair this year will be on the 29th November, 11am-2pm

Donations most welcome, and offers of help on the day would be much appreciated. Please speak to Jackie.

St. Peter's Christmas Coffee Morning

St. Peter's are hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning, in St. Martin's church on the 13th December, 10am-12noon. All welcome!

Wreath Making Workshop

Jill Crowther is hosting a wreath making workshop on Thursday 18th December in St. Martin's hall. 11.30am-2pm. The cost is £30 per person. Please book via St. Martin's office.

Celebrating 150 Years of The Mother's Union

Please join The Mother's Union for their Service of Witness on Saturday, 29th November at 12.45pm, outside the West Door of Hereford Cathedral. Their aim is to advertise the campaign of 'Rise Up' and 'No More 1in3', remembering victims of violence at home and abroad.

The Mother's Union supports women all over the world to become educated and financially independent.

South Wye Services and Events week beginning 16th November

Sunday 16th	9:30am	Holy Communion at St. Martin's
	11.15am	Holy Communion at St. Peter's
Tuesday 18th	1pm	Bible Study in the Narthex
	2pm	Coffee in the Narthex
Wednesday 19th	1pm	Cleaning Group in St. Martin's Church

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Brenda Baylis	Maureen Gerard	Peter	Eddie	June M	Susan G
Michael Ranyard	Jean D				

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

'Dougjie'...	Vince...	Peter M
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I am updating the prayer list. If you would like to remain on the prayer list, or would like a loved added to the list, please contact me via the office. Also, I would like to have a list of people who would appreciate a 'how-are-you-keeping?' phone call every month. If you would like to be on this list, please give me a ring at the office and I will add you on. Thank you, Sharron

Collect for Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Second Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4: 1-2a

Judgment and Covenant Renewal

4 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
² The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
³ He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
⁹ let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Warning Against Idleness

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching^[a] you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Luke 21: 5-19

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

Wordsearch based on Psalm 98

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- SING

DONE

HAND

ARM
- SHOUT

ENDS

JUDGE

KNOWN
- JOY

MUSIC

BLAST

HORN
- SUNG

RIGHT

HOLY

WORKED
- EARTH

RIVERS

NATIONS

SALVATION
- BURST

HARP

RAMS

LOVE