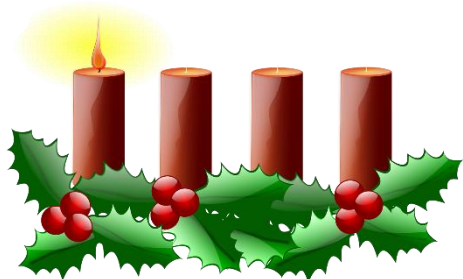


## ADVENT

***'Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour' (Matthew 24:v44)***



*Lord Jesus Christ, we remember today that though your people looked forward for so long to your coming, many were not prepared, failing to recognise you when you came. Forgive us, and help us to be prepared. Teach us to examine ourselves – our words and deeds, thoughts and attitudes – and so to live each day open to what you would do in us and through us, to the glory of your name. **Amen.***

### ***A prayer for the sick***

*Holy Spirit - please come like a dove – shield and protect now the ones that we love in our community. Cover their wounds – shield them from sorrow, breathe hope within them and all who are unwell. Tend them with Your goodness the pain that they bear – heal now their sickness. Carry them until they see your rainbow of promise and the hope that lies ahead. Please continue to pray for **ELEANOR BROOKS - JAMIE MATTLESS - ELSIE ROWE - HILARY ABRAHAMS - DIANA HEATHER - ELIZABETH PAY - ANN BARTLETT - BARBARA JARVIS - SARAH WILLIS - MARK MARKCOONS - JO WATKINS - MARTYN DILLEY - SUZANNE MILLER - SUE & EMMA KINKEAD**, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, prepare our hearts to welcome you now and so may we be ready to welcome you when you come again. Amen.***



Please **support the work of St Mary's** via the contactless payment device at the back of church or donate via the 'give a little' website or QR code **here**. Any donation gratefully received.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Hayes, Kent**  
**PEW SHEET - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 ADVENT Sunday**

**TODAY**                      **8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
                                 **10.30am Morning Praise & Community Survey**  
                                 **10.30am Sunbeams Session for children aged 3- 6**

**COLLECT for Advent**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**HYMNS:**

**Children's Song:** 167 Give Me oil in my lamp (on pew sheet)  
Advent wreath song (on pew sheet);  
Christ be our Light (on Powerpoint)  
50 Be Still (Offertory Hymn); 10,000 reasons (on Powerpoint)  
857 I the Lord of Sea and Sky (on Powerpoint)

**READINGS:** Isaiah 2.1-5 (pg 641); Matthew 24.36-44 (pg 26)

**THIS WEEK**

9.15am            **Morning Prayers – Zoom Tues–Wed (link from the office), in church Mon-Thurs 9.15am, Sat 10am**

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec            Tues 10am- 12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space**  
                         11am- 12.15pm **Bible Study** in church

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec            Wed 10am- 12pm **Coffee Morning** for the Bereaved and those who live on their own  
                         11am **Funeral Service for Colin May** in Church  
                         12.30-3pm Meetings Room & church open as a **Welcome Space** (takes place weekly)\*  
                         2pm **Allan Evison Anna Chaplaincy Commissioning at St Benedict's West Malling**

5<sup>th</sup> Dec            10am- 12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space**

6<sup>th</sup> Dec            Sat 10am- 11am Church Open for **Quiet Space**

**Next Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of ADVENT**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10.30am Morning Praise**  
**10.30am Sunbeams Session for children aged 3-6**

**This Sunday** we will be looking at the Community Survey results looking at ways it can serve the wider local community. We will share with one another our **St Mary's mission**. Please do come and be part of these exciting next steps for the church.

### **Advent prayers with Churches Together**

This year we will be holding a series of advent prayer meetings with our friends from Churches Together in Hayes. These will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 during Advent, and held at different churches in different styles. The first advent prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at St Mary's in the church rooms, led by Rev Tim.

**A BIG THANK YOU!** To all who took part (in the rain), in the Churches Together in Hayes church, taking Christian unity and message into the heart of the Hayes community.

### **Hayes welcomes its first Anna Chaplain**

After 25 years of ministry as a Lay Minister (Reader) within this parish Allan Evison is to be commissioned also as an Anna Chaplain on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at St. Benedict's Centre, West Malling by the Bishop of Tonbridge. This is an outward-facing role for the spiritual care of the elderly in our area. Limited numbers of supporters are invited to attend. If you are interested please speak to Allan or Rev. Amanda ASAP

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### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
Born in David's city of Bethlehem  
Born like him to be a king:  
Be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
Be King of our lives today.  
**Amen**

### **Advent Carol (tune: *the Holly and the Ivy* – not in MP)**

**Within the deepest darkness  
A glowing light is lit  
The darkness cannot put it out  
Or do away with it**

## **Children's Song: 167 Give Me Oil in My Lamp**

**1** Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!.'*

**2.** Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,  
keep me singing till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna, .....*

**3** Give me love in my heart, keep me trusting,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me trusting,  
keep me trusting till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna, .....*

**4.** Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
keep me resting till the break of day  
*Sing hosanna, .....*

## **Sunbeams Candle and Prayer**

**BLESSING for the Sunbeams (sung)**  
**May the brightness of God be with you,**  
**May the kindness of God be with you,**  
**May he smile on all you do. May God bless you**