

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: Rev. Paul Webb

Reader: Graham Stanley

Intercessor: Pat Ward

Roots and Shoots

Our next Roots and Shoots service will be 21st December @ 9am
Everyone is welcome

A Church Christmas card

This will be available in church. If you would like to send your greetings to our church family and make a donation to charity you would be able to do that

Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are ill, as well as: Sylvia Nicholson, Sandra Hall, Jack Eccles, Angela Taylor, Graham Davies, Margaret Jackson, Jordan Wilkinson Stephen Gledhill, Ed Spivey, Charlotte Bailey, Ann Taylor, Susan Rayner Steve Rhodes and Rev. Anne Samuels.

Anniversary of Death

Dinah Ruby Letitia Smith (30th)
Leslie Swinburne (1st)
Joyce Cluley (3rd)
Edith Barrett (4th)

RIP

June Rajjayabun

Advent

See attached sheet, services with Rev. Stephen Hannam

Christmas Events

Sat 29 November 10am-12pm Wreath making

Fri 12 December 3:15pm PTA

Christmas Fair in school

Tue 16 December 7:15pm Christmas Concert

Thu 18 December 7pm Carols round the Tree

Wed 24 December 4pm Crib service

Wed 24 December 11:30pm Midnight Mass

Within our Diocese

Toby Howarth - the Bishop of Bradford - acting Diocesan Bishop of Leeds

Smitha Prasad – Bishop of Huddersfield

Bill Braviner – Archdeacon of Halifax

James Allison ~ Area Dean

Paul Webb and Stephen Hannam –

our vicars at St John's, Clifton

The Staff and children of the Academy

St. John's in Rwamkoma Everyone

who worships at our link parish of St.

John's, Rwamkoma in the region of

Mara, Tanzani

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Service sheet Readings, Prayers and Hymns

November 30th – Advent Sunday

Collect

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.**

First Reading - Romans 13:11-14

Do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Prayer after 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**

A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid