



Pew Sheet for 7 December 2025

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services

Second Sunday after Advent

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 9:30 service.

Collect:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Hymns:

CP558	Praise to the Lord the Almighty
CP34	On Jordans Banks the Baptist Cry
CP26	Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
EWS55	He is Exalted
EWS152	River Wash Over Me
Source609	You shall go out with Joy

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Romans 15 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore, I will confess you among the gentiles

and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the gentiles;

in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.’

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Post-communion prayer:

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dates for your diary

December Knit and Natter dates are ;
Monday 8th December – Leverton Room at 7.30pm

Advent Bible Study, 'Waiting in Uncertain Times'
8th & 15th December 7.30-8.30pm (Church Hall).

The course started last Monday night in the hall. Week 1 was reflecting on Waiting to slow down from the book **Do Not Be Afraid** by Rachel Mann. All are welcome.

ADVENT 3, SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

9.30 am Sung Holy Communion

With guest preacher, our Archdeacon Ven Martin Breadmore.

ADVENT 4, SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

6.30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

4.00 pm Christingle and Crib Service, especially for families and children.

11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

10.00 am Christmas Family Communion Service

Other Christmas Carol Services at St Marys -

7th December **Silver Band's Christmas Concert** at 7 pm Tickets £12 and free for children below 16 years (in partnership with Cuddington resident Association and Cuddington WI)

15th December 9.30 to 11.30 am **Linden Primary School's carols**

16th December 7pm Second **Cuddington Scouts' carols**

17 December 9.45 am **Cuddington Community School's Christmas Carol service**

Tuesday 16th December - 11am - Charlie's funeral will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium followed by a reception at the Woodlands Park Hotel, a short distance from Randalls Park.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: pigeonholes are available on a table near the back of church if you would like to send cards to other members of the congregation. These are intended for people who are likely to be in church - please note that we do not deliver. Do have a look to see if there are any for you. There are also boards alongside in case you would like to send a card to the whole congregation.