

*First Reading***Proverbs 2: 1 – 11**

¹ My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; ⁴ if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures - ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; ¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; ¹¹ prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.

*Second Reading***1 John 2: 1 – 17**

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; ⁵ but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked. ⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. ¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. ¹⁴ I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶ for all that is in the world - the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches - comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

*Gospel Reading***Luke 12: 16 – 30**

¹⁶ Then [Jesus] told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"' ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' ²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!' ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who came to the Harvest Supper at St. Mary's yesterday. Thanks, especially, to Janet and her working party who prepared and served everything for us. It was a lovely occasion and great to spend time together. Thank you.

Wedding Invitation

A message from Kirstin And Al.

"Blessings brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are getting married on Saturday 14th November 2026 at 3pm at St. Mary's Church. We'd love to invite you to the ceremony and refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. Al is a Methodist minister and we're hoping to have visitors from his congregations to join us in our celebration also.

If you are able to help with serving refreshments after the service in the Church Hall, or to bring a cake, we'd be very grateful. Please give me a call. 07940785098.

Blessings and Kindest Regards

Kirstin and Al xx "

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes and leaflets are available again this year, in both Churches, for this year's Shoebox Appeal. Online boxes are also available - see the leaflet. Please help yourselves!