Second Sunday before Advent

15th November 2026

RED OR GREEN

Collect

Merciful God
Resisting the iron fist which reaps where it did not sow:
give us your courage to accept your faith in us
and compassion to stand with all who are cast aside;
through Jesus Christ, who became nothing that we might have everything.
Amen.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm. Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep; sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was

afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST NICKS ARTS CENTRE

A HISTORY of ENGLISH GARDENS DESIGN THROUGH NORFOLK GARDENS

An evening with RHS Medal-winning garden designer DUNCAN CARGILL

St Nicks, Swafield, NR28 0PE
Thursday 19th Nov | 7.00pm

GOLDEN BOY from NT Live!
St Nicks, Swafield, NR28 0PE
Thursday 3rd December | 7:00pm

Candlelit Christmas Concert: The SAMPHIRES chamber choir: THE TIME DRAWS NEAR
St. Botolph's Church, Trunch, NR28 0PZ
Saturday 5th December | 6:00pm

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THE TRUNCH GROUP OF PARISHES

Bradfield, Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley, Paston, Swafield, and Trunch

15th November | Second Sunday before Advent *RED OR GREEN*

09:30 **Holy Communion,** St Peter's & St Paul's, Knapton
11:00 **Sunday @ The Hub,** Mundesley Community Hub

22nd November | Christ the King *RED, WHITE OR GREEN*

09:30 **Holy Communion,** St Margaret's, Paston
10:00 **Morning Prayer,** St Botolph's, Trunch
11:00 **Sunday @ The Hub,** Mundesley Community Hub

DURING THE WEEK @ MUNDESLEY COMMUNITY HUB:

Monday	09:30 – 11:30 **Mundesley Together**
Tuesday	15:00 – 17:30 **The Hub**
	18:00 – 19:30 **QUESTions of Faith**
Wednesday	10:00 – 11:00 **Holy Communion**
	13:30 – 16:00 **Memory Lane Café**
Thursday	12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Club**
Friday	09:00 – 12:00 **Community Café**
	10:00 – 12:00 **Community Larder**

Everyone is warmly welcome to **all** of our events/services

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