St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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15th November
Second Sunday before Advent
Sunday and Weekday Service

Welcome!

The Collect
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns
62 Be still for the presence of the lord
547 O God our help in ages past
492 Love is his word
201 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

First Reading, *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.

Second Reading, *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.

Gospel, *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

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 Saviour.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers

working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Pete, Interim Area Dean Louis. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, Our Larger Single Parish, Christ the River of Life and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Walton Breck, Four Oaks Primary, St Luke, St John, Walton, St Nathaniel, St Aidan, St Mary, Walton on the Hill , Arnot St Mary Primary School, St Paul, Emmanuel, Fazakerley, All Saints Worship Centre Kensington.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff, Michael Mahon.

For the recently departed: Paul St John Lynch.

For the departed remembered at this time: Joseph Radcliffe, Frank Williams, Doris Ashcroft, Anne Vincent, Jean Harrison, Ethel Moulton, Frederick Ballard, Frederick Cawley.

Notices

- **Sefton Churches' Christmas Toy Appeal:** The annual toy appeal is once again being facilitated by St Nicholas's Church this year. Hardships faced by families continue, and donations will be gratefully received. We need new toys for children of all ages. Gift vouchers are helpful as gifts for the teenagers. Please do not wrap the gifts as they need to be sorted for age groups and gender. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Sinker on 07796628901 / alsinker@hotmail.com.

We will be collecting for this appeal during our service on **Sunday 29th November,** so please do bring donations along, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to St Nicholas' Church.

Events

- **Tuesday Club:** The next Tuesday Club will take place on **Tuesday 17th November** in St. Mary's Meeting Room at **2:30pm**. Kay Jones will talk on Liverpool Museums.

- **Advent Course:** Peter Walker will be leading an Advent Course in St Mary's meeting room, beginning at **2:30pm** on **Monday 23rd November** – it will run for four Mondays. Each meeting will end at approx. 4:00pm and will be followed by Evening Prayer, for those who wish to stay. Each week we will explore one of the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love.** The sessions will include prayer, personal reflection and Bible study and seek to link them to both Christ's mission and to our own understanding of his call to us. If you can, bring a Bible, a pen and some paper - but most of all, an open mind!

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Second Sunday before Advent**	Louis Johnson / Judith Aveling
Monday – Thursday, 5:00pm **Evening Prayer**	
Wednesday, 10:30am **Eucharist**	Janet Bissex
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Christ the King**	Peter Cowley Iona Morphet

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