The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Cardington
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2nd Sunday before Advent
Sunday 15 November 2026

Morning Praise

Welcome to St Mary's: in particular a very warm welcome to visitors. Please stay for refreshments after the service and give us the opportunity to meet you.

Opening Hymn: Be Thou my Vision 343

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end.

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Gradual Hymn: Lead Us Heavenly Father 224

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon: Neil McCleery

Offertory Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 241

Collect of the Day *on reverse.*

Final Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer 214

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Daily Prayer this week:
A * indicates when Morning or Evening Prayer will be prayed in church at 8am and 5pm. You are very welcome to come and join in.

Morning	**Evening**
Sun 15 Nov: **2nd Sunday before Advent**	
11am Morning Praise *	Ps 89: 19-37; 1 Kings 1: 15-40; Revelation 1: 4-18 *
Mon 16 Nov: Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093	
Ps 47; Daniel 8: 1-14; Revelation 10 *	Ps 71; Isaiah 9: 8 – 10: 4; Matthew 7: 1-12 *
Tues 17 Nov: Hugh, bishop, 1200	
Ps 52; Daniel 8: 15-end; Revelation 11: 1-14 *	Ps 67; Isaiah 10: 5-19; Matthew 7: 13-end. *
Wed 18 Nov: Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231	
Ps 56; Daniel 9: 1-19; Revelation 11: 15-end. *	Ps 73; Isaiah 10: 20-32; Matthew 8: 1-13
Thurs 19 Nov: Hilda, abbess, 680	
Ps 62; Daniel 9: 20-end; Revelation 12	Ps 76; Isaiah 10: 33-11: 9; Matthew 8: 14-22
Fri 20 Nov: Edmund, king, martyr, 870	
Ps 65; Daniel 10: 1-11: 1; Revelation 13: 1-10	Ps 77; Isaiah 11: 10-12: end; Matthew 8: 23-end.
Sat 21 Nov	
Ps 78: 1-39; Daniel 12; Revelation 13: 11-end	Ps 99, 100; Isa 10: 33-11: 9; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16
Sun 22 Nov: **Christ the King**	
11am Morning Praise *	Ps 93; 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Matthew 28: 16-end *

The Church of England publishes a free Daily Prayer app showing the texts and readings for each day in a user-friendly format, and including an audio recording.

Collect for the week:
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Notices:

Wednesday Lunch Club: A short service of Midday Prayer at 12.30pm (not compulsory!) is followed by a simple meal of soup, bread, and cake from 1pm, with the opportunity to spend time together. Gluten Free and Vegetarian provision is always available; for any other dietary requirements, please let Neil know in advance. All welcome!

We have a new website! Take a look at www.cardington.church

Get to know you: now that Neil is beginning to get settled(!), he would be delighted to meet you over coffee or a pint at your convenience to get to know you better. He will be getting in touch individually with those who have provided their contact details, but you can arrange a time directly, if you would like.

For Your Prayers:
Sick: Carol, David, Alistair.
In Remembrance – Year's Mind: Florence Pearman, June Bradley.

Next Sunday's Readings
Sunday 22 November 11am: Morning Praise
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24;
Ephesians 1: 15-end;
Matthew 25: 31-end.