



## St Andrew's Church Taunton

Reaching lives for change and hope

Registered Charity no: 1196804

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

*Welcome to St Andrew's; we hope you enjoy the service.*

*Pre-school children are welcome to use the Children's Area in the South Aisle during the service but must be looked after by their parents or carers.*

*School age children will have their own activities led by today's helpers.*

*Tea and coffee will be available from the servery after the service. If you need help with anything, do ask one of the welcomers.*

### **Collect (Prayer):**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 2.1-5, Romans 13.11-end, Matthew 24.36-44

### **Prayer After Communion:**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Zoom Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 9am**

The joining details are below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85499166351?pwd=6X3IOW57eX84bvG1t2E2ejfLQNvtjF.1>

Meeting ID: 854 9916 6351      Passcode: 360825

## **WaterAid Christmas Appeal**

This Christmas, we invite you to support our WaterAid appeal and help bring clean, safe water to communities in need. Even a small gift can make a life-changing difference. Together, let's share Christ's love in a practical and powerful way.

If you wish to help, there will be a collection plate at the back of church during Advent. Thank you.

## **Open Door – A Support Centre for Rough Sleepers in Taunton**

A request has been received from Open Door to help them provide their clients with Christmas gifts. A wish list has been put in the Narthex, together with a box for donations. Thank you, *Lesley*

## **Christmas Market 6th December 2025 2pm - 4pm**

We require the following for some of the stalls we are running at our Christmas Market: Bric a Brac, Chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola, Christmas Decorations, Bottles of Pop, ie lemonade, coke, fruit shoots, etc for the Bottle Tombola, Mystery Gifts and Cakes on the Day from 9am. Cash Donations will be welcome to get Bottles and Chocolates. Please pass Items/Donations to Darren. If you have any unwanted gifts that would be suitable for the Main Raffle please let Merv know. If you are available to help on the day, please do let Darren or Lesley Jones know. Thank you.

## **Mothers' Union St. John`s Church, Manor Rd, Staplegrove**

On Thursday December 11th at 2pm, our MU meeting is Christmas Thoughts, followed by refreshments. The meeting is open to non members. You are very welcome to join our meeting.

Leader: Di Ruff [di\\_ruff@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:di_ruff@hotmail.co.uk) 0746296816



## December Light up the Spire



In loving memory of Alan Geoffrey Aish

Our thanks to God for the gift of an amazing and adored daughter Sarah (Bayon).

We remember at this time of year all the wonderful memories and happy times.

We also celebrate the lives of Valerie and Cyril Huish, devoted and loving parents.

May you be resting in glorious peace together

<b>Church Diary</b>		
The Church will be open during office hours Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30-11.30am		
Tuesday	December 2	<b>9.00am</b> Zoom Morning Prayer <b>9.30am</b> Church Mice
Wednesday	December 3	<b>10.00am</b> Parish Eucharist, <i>followed by coffee</i> <b>1.15pm</b> School Rehearsals, <i>Church</i> <b>7.30pm</b> SALT for Advent, <i>Church</i>
Thursday	December 4	<b>1.15pm</b> School Rehearsals, <i>Church</i> <b>1.30pm</b> Talk and Tea, <i>Church</i>
Saturday	December 6	<b>2.00pm</b> Christmas Market, <i>Church</i>

### For Your Prayers...

**Those who are unwell:** Joanna, Neil, Paul, Julia, Catherine, Gilly, Les, Sheila, Dave, Frida, Trish

**Those who have died recently:** Joshua Houghton, Katy Huxtable, Michael Walsh

**Years Mind:** All past Choir members, **03/12** Edna Hearne, **05/12** Jean Derrick, **06/12** Tony Osmond

- The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE as she prepares for her role as the Archbishop of Canterbury
- For a just and lasting peace in Ukraine
- For the ceasefire agreement to hold between Gaza and Israel
- The Venerable Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow as she prepares for her role as Bishop of Taunton

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-13  
Matthew 3.1-12

## Parish Directory

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