

**PRAYERS:** For your prayers this week.

**Vocations and ministry:**

All PCC members

**The sick:**

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

**Those who have died:**

We pray for funerals being planned, those we know and those we read about in the news.

We pray for all those who grieve.

**Baptisms and Weddings:**

We pray for Des and Sarah whose wedding is at Lyneham this month.

**Special intentions** *(This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support)*

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we continue to pray for churches in the Salisbury Deanery. Loving God, we pray for the communities of St Thomas and St Edmund in Salisbury, asking for your blessing upon them, particularly in this time of vacancy.

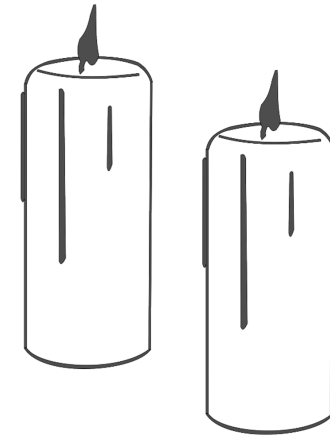
In our prayers for the Anglican communion, we give thanks for the church in Bangladesh.

We pray for the brothers and the community at Hilfield Friary.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We give thanks for those helping at this time. We pray for the person/people who may feel called to join us here.



7<sup>th</sup> December  
Advent 2



**Clyffe Pypard  
Tockenham**

Communion - 9am  
Communion - 10.30am

*Future services:*

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Bradenstoke Hilmarton Broad Town Lyneham</b>	Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am Morning Service - 10.30am Carol Service - 4pm (Church Hall)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Broad Town</b>	Carol Service - 7pm
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>Lyneham Hilmarton</b> (starting at 48 Poynder Place, Church Service at 4.45pm)	Communion - 10.30am Carol Service - 4pm
	<b>Tockenham</b>	Christingle - 4pm
	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b>	Carol Service - 5pm (TBC)

Keep in touch by going to: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added.

## COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us, and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING: *Isaiah 11.1-10*

- <sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

- <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## SECOND READING: *Romans 15.4-13*

- <sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,  
so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures  
we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and  
encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in  
accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one  
voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant  
of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might  
confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the  
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,  
‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;  
<sup>10</sup>and again he says,  
‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;  
<sup>11</sup>and again,  
‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;  
<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,  
‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’  
<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so  
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 3.1-12*

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight."

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**POST COMMUNION**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.