**261206 The Second Sunday of Advent (Toy Service)**

**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.

**Isaiah 40.1-11**

***God's People Are Comforted***

40Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
[2] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

[3] A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
[4] Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
[5] Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

[6] A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
[7] The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
[8] The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
[9] Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Psalm 85.1-2, 8-12**

***Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour***

*To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.*
1 LORD, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
*Selah*
8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
12 The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

**2 Peter 3.8-15a**

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with

fire? [13]But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

***Final Exhortation and Doxology***

14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; [15]and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

**Mark 1.1-8**

***The Proclamation of John the Baptist***

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
[3] the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',
[4]John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5]And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. [6]Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. [7]He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. [8]I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**Cycle of Prayer**
**Our bishops**: David, Mark and Matthew
**The Anglican Communion**
The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
**Porvoo Communion**
The Diocese of Chester.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Kuopio
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**Parish**
Brampton Walk, Brinfield Walk, Briscoe Lane, Brookdale Avenue, Bycroft Walk, Camden Avenue.
**Book of Remembrance**
Albert Mercer; Arthur Johnson; Martha Sutcliffe; Gordon Chidlow; Edmund Berry; Hilda Ryan.

**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.

**261213 The Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete*)**

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11**

***The Good News of Deliverance***

61The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

8 For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

**Psalm 126**

***A Harvest of Joy***

*A Song of Ascents.*
1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'
3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
5 May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
6 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

**1 Thessalonians 5.16-24**

16Rejoice always, 17pray without ceasing, 18give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19Do not quench the Spirit. 20Do not despise the words of prophets, 21but test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22abstain from every form of evil.

23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**John 1.6-8, 19-28**

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

***The Testimony of John the Baptist***

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' 20He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' 21And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He

answered, ‘No.’ [22]Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ [23]He said,
‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
“Make straight the way of the Lord” ’,
as the prophet Isaiah said.

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. [25]They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ [26]John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, [27]the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ [28]This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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**Parish**
Carnwood Close, Ceylon Street, Chapter Street, Cheetham Street, Cheldon Walk, Chelmsford Avenue.
**Book of Remembrance**
Frank Watling; Irene Bailey; Ethel Smith; Constance Seymour; Muriel Wharram; Mary Hunt; John Aston; Anne O’Donnell; Thalma Wild; Livia Shone; Winifred Pope; James Wardle; Doris Peaker.

**Post Communion**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**261220 The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Collect**

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**2 Samuel 7.1-11**

***God's Covenant with David***

**7** Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his
enemies around him, **2** the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of
cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' **3** Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in
mind; for the Lord is with you.'

**4** But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: **5** Go and tell my servant David: Thus
says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? **6** I have not lived in a house since
the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in
a tent and a tabernacle. **7** Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever
speak a word with any of the tribal leaders[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my
people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' **8** Now therefore thus you
shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from
following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; **9** and I have been with you wherever you
went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name,
like the name of the great ones of the earth. **10** And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and
will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers
shall afflict them no more, as formerly, **11** from the time that I appointed judges over my people
Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the
Lord will make you a house.

**Romans 16. 25-27**

***Final Doxology***

**25** Now to God[a] who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of
Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages **26** but is
now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to
the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— **27** to the only wise God,
through Jesus Christ, to whom[b] be the glory for ever! Amen.[c]

**Luke 1.26-38**

***The Birth of Jesus Foretold***

**26** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, **27** to
a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was

Mary. [28] And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’ [a] [29] But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. [30] The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. [31] And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. [32] He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. [33] He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ [34] Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ [b] [35] The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. [36] And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God.’ [38] Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

**Cycle of Prayer**

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**Parish**

Chelsea Road, Christopher Street, Church Avenue, Clough Street, Cloughton Walk, Clovelly Street.

**Book of Remembrance**

Betty Reynolds; Margaret Bradley; Isabella Hadfield; Ernest Booth; Baby Edward Farnell-Coleman; Elizabeth Burgess; Samuel Revett; Margaret Briggs; Tom Howard; Edith Corlett; Rita Flynn; George Potkin; Joe Farrell; John Palmer; John Hill; Val Hobson; Harry Booth; May Hatch.

**Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**231224 Christmas Night (Set III)**

**Collect**

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Isaiah 52.7-10**

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
  are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
  who announces salvation,
  who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
  together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
  the return of the LORD to Zion.
9 Break forth together into singing,
  you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
  he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
  before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
  the salvation of our God.

**Psalm 98**

***Praise the Judge of the World***

A Psalm.
1 O sing to the LORD a new song,
  for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
  have gained him victory.
2 The LORD has made known his victory;
  he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
  to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
  the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
8 Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
9 at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

**Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12**]

***God Has Spoken by His Son***

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.[

***The Son Is Superior to Angels***

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,
'You are my Son;
today I have begotten you'?
Or again,
'I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son'?
6And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
'Let all God's angels worship him.'
7Of the angels he says,
'He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.'
8But of the Son he says,
'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.
9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'
10And,
'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
11 they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
12 like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end.']

**John 1.1-14**

***The Word Became Flesh***

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being [4]in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. [5]The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7]He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. [8]He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. [9]The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. [11]He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. [12]But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, [13]who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Post Communion**

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.

**231225 Christmas Day (Set I)**

**Collect**

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Isaiah 9.2-7**

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Psalm 96**

***Praise to God Who Comes in Judgement***

1 O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
6 Honour and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9 Worship the LORD in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, 'The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.'
11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
12 let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
13 before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

**Titus 2.11-14**

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

**Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]**

***The Birth of Jesus***

2In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be
registered. [2]This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3]All
went to their own towns to be registered. [4]Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to
Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family
of David. [5]He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a
child. [6]While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. [7]And she gave birth to her
firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no
place for them in the inn.

**The Shepherds and the Angels**

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by
night. [9]Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified. [10]But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you
good news of great joy for all the people: [11]to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who
is the Messiah, the Lord. [12]This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth
and lying in a manger.' [13]And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God and saying,
[14] 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'[

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us
go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to
us.' [16]So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. [17]When
they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; [18]and all who heard it
were amazed at what the shepherds told them. [19]But Mary treasured all these words and pondered
them in her heart. [20]The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and
seen, as it had been told them.]

**Post Communion**

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**261227 John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Collect**

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**1 John 1.1-end**

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

**2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

**3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

**5** This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

**7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**John 21.19b – end**

And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

**20** Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

**21** Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

**22** Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

**23** Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

**24** This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

**25** And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

**Cycle of Prayer**

**Our bishops**: David, Mark and Matthew

**The Anglican Communion**

The Episcopal Church of the Middle East in Jerusalem

**Porvoo Communion**

The Diocese of Chichester

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Mikkeli

**Schools and Colleges**

All Saints; St Wilfrid's; Briscoe Lane Academy; Christ the King; Co-op Academy Broadhurst; Trinity High School; Bowdoin College, Maine; Churchill College, Cambridge; University of Coventry; Edge Hill University; Xaverian Sixth Form College; Oldham Sixth Form College.

**Parish**

Coleridge Street, Coltness Walk, Coniston Street.

**Book of Remembrance**

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