

Third Sunday of Advent

Carol Service

led by Sam

Oder of Service

Carol - Once in Royal David's city

Reading 1- Isaiah 9: 2 to 7

Carol - Silent night

Reading 2 - Isaiah 11: 1 to 4

Carol - Away in a Manger

Reading 3 - Luke 1: 26 to 38

Carol - We three kings of Orient are

Reading 4 - Luke 2: 1 to 7

THE OFFERTORY

Carol - O come all ye faithful – the

Reading 5 - Luke 2: 8 to 16

Carol - Hark the herald angels sing

Reading 6 - John 1: 1 to 14

Carol -The Calypso Christmas song

BENEDICTION

O Fragile Savior

You come, unprotected,

Into our dangerous world

and offer yourself as our Peace.

Let our Joy be to seek your Peace

let our Hope be to foster your Peace

let our Purpose be to announce your Peace

with all the fervour of the Angels

and all the courage of the Poor:

Glory to God in the Highest,

and on earth, God's Peace!

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

set for this Sunday

Included for your personal use

Matthew speaks about John

Collect

God for wisdom we watch and wait,

You sent John the Baptist

to prepare the way of your Son.

Give us courage to speak the truth,

To hunger for justice,

And to suffer for the cause of the right,

With Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 146:4-10

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,

• whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;

• who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong

• and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound;

• the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

• the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; `

• but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever,

• your God, O Zion, throughout all

generations. Alleluia

New Testament James 5:7-10

Patience in Suffering

7 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient

with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Messengers from John the Baptist

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' 4 Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Community Larder

Open: Tuesday: 11am to 12:30pm

Wednesday 17th

Chatterbox Christmas Party

Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12:30pm.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

Zoom ID 826 0298 0531. Password 316316

Christmas Services

Thursday 18th 6:30 -

Signed Carol Service for the
Hard of Hearing Community

Sunday 21st 11am -Advent Four

Baptist Communion led by Phil

Wednesday 24th 11:30 pm

Midnight Communion led by Stephen

Christmas Day - 11:00 am

Christmas Family Service & Communion
led by Ayo Ali of St Frideswide Bletchley

Please Pray

For wisdom and hope for all those with
leadership responsibilities

For a sense of gentleness and justice in our
common life.

For the Ecumenical Partnership as it as it
seeks to show Christ in North East MK.

For the people of the Ukraine.

For those oppressed because of their
gender.

For protesters longing for a fairer world..

For those enduring famine and cold

For Christ's message of our common
humanity.

For Christmas

O Lord hear us.

Lord mercifully hear us

CROSS AND STABLE

The Advent Wreath

ADVENT THREE

Candle Three - The Mary Candle

One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist, and the third for Mary, who gladly responded to the call of God.

Scripture verse:

I am the Lord's servant,
said Mary;
may it happen to me
as you have said.
(Luke 1:38)

Prayer:

Surprising God,
We thank you
for the joyful obedience of Mary.
We ask you to fill us
with your grace,
so that we, too,
may accept your call,
and rejoice in your salvation.
Amen.



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Zoom Link to **11 am** Sunday 14th December

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Nativity Readings

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm 80.1-8,18-20*
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-25

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Baptist Communion
Led by Phil