2nd before Advent led by Phil

Hymns

564 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
880 Lord I come to You
590 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
506 O Lord my God (How great Thou art)

Collect

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5.1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Parable of the Talents

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Community Larder

Each week Tuesday from 11 am to 12:30..

Chatterbox

Every Wednesday - 10:30 am to 12:30pm. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others.

Choir Practice

Every Thursday -11 am to 12 noon.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers
Zoom ID 826 0298 0531
Password 316316

First Weeks in December Notices

2nd Dec – Wednesday – Chatter Box 10.30 Decorating the Church – 1 to 3pm

5th Dec – Saturday – 3pm Christmas Winter Tea Afternoon - £15 per person

6th Dec Sunday – 11am 2nd Sunday in Advent – Signed - Holy Communion

9th Dec- Wednesday – Chatter Box 10.30 to 12.30

13th Dec Sunday – 11 am 3rd Sunday in Advent – Holy Communion

16th Dec Wednesday - Chatter Box 10.30 to 12.30 – Christmas Lunch

16th Dec Wednesday – 2 pm Lovat Fields Retirement Village -Service

17th Dec Thursday – 6 pm – Signed Carol Service Led by Revd Hannah Lewis

20th Dec Sunday -11 am –4th Advent - Service of Carols and Lessons

20th Dec Sunday Care Home Carol singing 3pm & 4pm

23rd Dec Wednesday - Chatter Box 10.30 to 12.30

24th Dec – Christmas Eve – Christingle Service at Willen Church at 4 pm

24th Dec- Christmas Eve – 11.30 pm - Mid Night Service -Communion

25th Dec – Christmas Day – 11am Christmas Family Service - Communion

27th Dec -Sunday – 11 am -1st Sunday in Christmas – Service of the Word

No Family Breakfast Club in December

reflection

Ten bright coins entrusted down,
Not to rust or wear a crown,
Not to hide beneath the stone,
Or keep as treasures all alone.

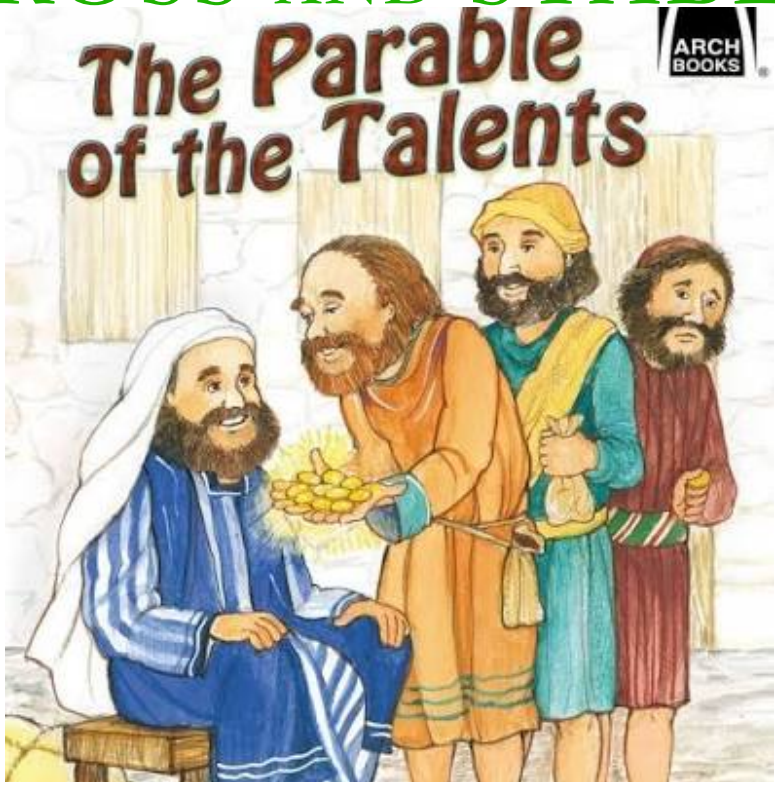
To work, to build, to risk, to grow,
To let the master's goodness show—
For gifts unlocked and put to use
Multiply with sweet produce.

So take your share and let it shine,
A living branch upon the vine;
For what is given to be freed
Returns a hundredfold in seed.

Sunday 15th November

THE CROSS AND STABLE

2nd Sunday before Advent



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TODAY
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TODAY
1 Thess 5 13- 11

Matthew25:13-30-

NEXT SUNDAY:
Ezeki34.11-16,20-24
Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-end
Matthew 25.31-end

NEXT SUNDAY
Sunday before Advent
Family Breakfast Club
Led by Sam