



13th December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Third Sunday of Advent	<i>Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-End</i> <i>Psalms 126 or</i> <i>Canticle: Magnificat</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24</i> <i>John 1: 6-8, 19-28</i>
Monday	<i>Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17</i> <i>Psalms 25: 3-8</i> <i>Matthew 21: 23-27</i>
Tuesday	<i>Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13</i> <i>Psalms 34: 1-6, 21-22</i> <i>Matthew 21: 28-32</i>
Wednesday	<i>Isaiah 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-End</i> <i>Psalms 85: 7-End</i> <i>Luke 7: 18b-23</i>
Thursday	<i>Genesis 49: 2, 8-10</i> <i>Psalms 72: 1-5, 18-19</i> <i>Matthew 1: 1-17</i>
Friday	<i>Jeremiah 23: 5-8</i> <i>Psalms 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-End</i> <i>Matthew 1: 18-24</i>
Saturday	<i>Judges 13: 2-7, 24-End</i> <i>Psalms 71: 3-8</i> <i>Luke 1: 5-25</i>

Collect for Today

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. **Amen**

Prayer after 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. **Amen**

Services This Week

Wednesday 9.00 am Holy Communion **(No booking required)**

Next Sunday – 20th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 am Parish Communion **(Booking required *)**

Readings: Psalm 89: 1-8, Luke 1: 26-38



*** SEATS ARE LIMITED TO 40 AND YOU MUST HAVE BOOKED A PLACE
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED
(PLEASE SEE NOTICES FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO BOOK)**

Parish Prayer Diary Please use this Prayer Diary as a part of your daily prayer

Please pray for:

Stephen Dodds, Sue Brown, Jane Johnson, Chris & Gary Walton,
Sarah Davies, Mike & Sheila Richards, Kate Sinclair, Janet Samuels,
Yvonne Thompson, Jan Bird, Alan, Andy Morley, Kate Lincoln, Brian Noake

The Staff and Residents of Charnwood House Residential Care Home

	Thought for Today	In our Diocese	In our Parish
Sunday	I will hear what God the Lord will speak. <i>Psalm 85:8</i>	Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Amanda Lees)	Hanselin Close Rosa Close Park Lane Lambley
Monday	By strength no man shall prevail. <i>1 Samuel 2:9</i>	St John the Baptist East Markham St Nicholas Askham, St Peter Headon with Upton & Grove	Wood Lane Waterhouse Lane Church Street Lambley
Tuesday	Great is our Lord, and mighty in power. <i>Psalm 147:5</i>	St Giles Elkesley; Our Lady & St Peter Bothamsall; All Saints Eaton & Gamston; St Paul's West Drayton	Main Road Shearing Hill Shearing Close The Dumbles Lambley
Wednesday	Return to Me says the Lord of Hosts. <i>Zechariah 1:3</i>	All Saints Rampton; St Peter Laneham; St John the Baptist Treswell with Cottam; St Peter Stokeham	Brooklands Drive Brooklands Crescent Danehurst Drive Green Lane Lambley
Thursday	The worlds were framed by the Word of God. <i>Hebrews 11:3</i>	DIOCESAN STAFF Diocesan Chief Executive for the Diocese, Martin Cooper & the Executive Team	Station Avenue The Orchards Mapperley Plains
Friday	I am He who lives, and was dead. <i>Revelation 1:18</i>	All Hallows Ordsall with St Michael's Retford	Waverley Avenue Carnarvon Grove Tennyson Avenue
Saturday	Behold, I am alive for evermore. <i>Revelation 1:18</i>	St Saviours Retford; St Swithun's Retford	Vernon Avenue Duncroft Avenue Ranmoor Road

Intercessions by Linda Freeman

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this season of Advent when we prepare our hearts to receive you in a deeper way as we look forward to Christmas. We pray especially for all those who are going to be alone this year, unable to meet up with friends and family as usual. Be with them in a special way and help them to feel and know your presence. Help them to know that they are not alone, and bring them the strength and comfort that they need.

Lord, in your mercy.... Hear our prayer.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Lord of might, who gave us the Law so many years ago, we pray for our Government who are the lawmakers of today. We ask that you will guide them to govern in a way that will bring justice and provision for everybody, and that you will give them wisdom from you as they continue to negotiate Brexit. We pray that you will show them how and when to change things regarding the pandemic, and that they will make the best decisions for the greater good of all.

Lord, in your mercy.... Hear our prayer.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave.

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the nations of the world who are living under the tyranny of corrupt governments and religious persecution. Lord, set your people free to worship you in spirit and in truth whoever they are and wherever they live. We pray especially for the children who are often denied access to education because of their parents' faith. Lord, give them all the courage they need to stand firm in their faith and to continue to trust you for their future.

Lord, in your mercy.... Hear our prayer.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Lord, we thank you that with the recent efforts of the scientists working together, an effective vaccine has been found to combat the gloomy clouds of Covid. We pray that the vaccination programme will be successful and the dark shadow of the fear of death from this awful virus will truly be put to flight. We pray too for all those listed on our pew sheet who are ill, and ask for your wonderful peace and healing for them. And we ask for your comfort and strength for the friends and family of those who have died.

Lord, in your mercy.... Hear our prayer.

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your promise that, even though we may suffer all kinds of trials and tribulations in this life, we are heading towards our heavenly home. Help us to look forward, not just to Christmas and the celebration of your first coming, but to that Day when you will come again in all your majesty, power and great glory.

Rejoice, rejoice! Immanuel **Shall** come to thee, O Israel.

Merciful Father.... Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Services Online for Christmas

All our main services from All Hallows will be available on Facebook Live and YouTube Channels

Lessons and Carols will be an online production available from 20th December

The Crib Service will be available online from 4pm on Christmas Eve.

Holy Trinity's Crib and Carols service will be broadcast through Zoom at 5pm on Christmas Eve.



ALL HALLOWS GEDLING AND HOLY TRINITY LAMBLEY CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES



Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

7.30 pm 1st Communion of Christmas

All Hallows Gedling*



Christmas Day Friday 25th December

9.30 am Christmas Communion All Hallows Gedling*

11.00 am Christmas Communion Holy Trinity Lambley

Sunday 27th December

9.30 am Communion Service

(Joint Benefice Service at All Hallows Gedling*)

*Seats will need to be booked if attending services at All Hallows Gedling either by emailing allhallows.gedling@btconnect.com by Sunday 20th December or by calling 0115 952 4020 on Monday 21st December between 10.00 am and 12.00 Noon.

N.B. Lambley seating is allocated on a first come basis.

NOTICES

All Hallows will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12.00 Noon up until Wednesday 23rd December. Covid rules apply – please use the hand gel available, wear a face mask and ensure social distance. Revd Mic or Revd Jean will be in attendance, but to assist in prayer only.

FLOODLIGHTING REQUESTS

Although the magazine is no longer in production, we are still taking floodlighting requests and printing the lists out to put on the church notice boards and displaying the list on the church website.

If you would like the floodlights lit for a special occasion or in memory of loved one, please contact Eleanor via e-mail to ellie.wilson2559@gmail.com



Christmas Wreaths may be placed in the Garden of Rest for the period Advent Sunday until Candlemas, 2nd February 2021. Wreaths can be placed under the sign in the new garden.

THE FINAL EDITION OF THE GEDLING MAGAZINE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON OUR WEBSITE

This will be the last one of a long line going back over 150 years but we have no one willing to continue the production. Many thanks to all who have supported by subscribing, advertising or providing articles. All Hallows will be generating a weekly info sheet of church happenings and there will be a 'noticeboard' on the website with local events once the website has had a makeover. Best Wishes for as happy a Christmas as you can make it safely and let's hope 2021 will see a change for the better for us all. Regards *Rick*

Barbara and Alan Walker are moving to Penarth near Cardiff on 16th December to be near to family. Alan and Barbara have been strong supporters of Stoke Bardolph and Gedling Church. Alan was the Church warden for Stoke for many years and they have been regular helpers at our coffee mornings and other events. They would like to say thank you to everyone for all the friendship and support that they have received during their many years living in Stoke and Gedling. If you would like a forwarding address, please see Dorothy Ritchie or John Rigby.

CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE

Many thanks to those who came and supported our fund-raising sale. Thank you also for the donations received. We raised over £400 for the All Hallows refurbishment fund.

SALLY BAYLIS

To date we have been able to send £140 towards Sally's retirement gift which is being organised by the Deanery. If there are any more donations, please get them to me as soon as possible. Thank you very much. Eleanor

BOOKING SEATS FOR A SERVICE

Seats are limited to 40 and you **MUST** book a place.

Places can be booked either by:

E-mailing church on a Wednesday or phoning on a Thursday morning between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

Unfortunately, you will not be able to attend a service if you have not booked. Thank you for your co-operation.



We now have a pre-recorded service available on the telephone. The service (which will be changed weekly) can be reached by dialling:

0115 671 3537

(PLEASE NOTE, THE AREA CODE MUST BE DIALLED EVEN FROM A LANDLINE). It is a local rate call. We have set this up for those who do not have access to the Facebook or YouTube services. Any problems with accessing this, please contact Mic.

PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR REGULAR UPDATES ON THE CURRENT SITUATION.

Readings

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. 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. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' 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. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Items for the next Pew Leaflet should reach the office by 10.00 am on Thursday

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