



Parish of St James the Great Haydock

3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday

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Notices:

1. **TODAY - ADVENT SUNDAY** - 8.00am: Eucharist - 10.00am: Sung Eucharist
11.45am: Eucharist - 6.00pm: Service of Light
2. **TUESDAY** - 6.30pm: Vestry Hour - 7.30pm: Eucharist
3. **WEDNESDAY** - 9.30am: Eucharist - 1.30pm: Tiddlers Group
4. **THURSDAY** - 2.15pm: Women's Guild - 6.50pm: Rosary Group
7.30pm: Eucharist (*Vigil of the Immaculate Conception*) - 8.15pm: Advent talk and discussion
5. **FRIDAY** - 9.05am: School Eucharist
6. **SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - 8.00am: Eucharist - 10.00am: Sung Eucharist
11.45am: Eucharist - 6.00pm: Evensong (sung)
7. **Daily Offices** in St Albans Chapel - service times as displayed in the church porch.
8. **Christmas Leaflets** for distribution round the parish are now at the back of church - **please help!**
9. **Social Committee** - if you would like to help in the organisation and running of fund-raising events, we'd be glad if you would join a Social Committee to be formed for this purpose - for details please talk to Phil Peplow
10. **Thursday 14th December** - School Nativity Plays in Church at 2.00pm and 5.00pm - please support one or other of these key events in the life of our School.
11. **Tuesday 19th December** - School Carol Services at 2.00pm and 5.00pm
12. **PCC meeting** is postponed to a date in January

The First Sunday of Advent



Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence, as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil, to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Alleluia

Romans 13.11

Now is the time to wake out of sleep:
for now our salvation is nearer
than when we first believed.

Gospel

Mark 13.24-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Prayer at the preparation of the Altar:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy church.**



Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**