

**Next Sunday 10th December Advent 2**

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - EK  
9.25am *Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Anne's - HP  
10.00am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - EK  
~~10.00am~~ Holy Eucharist at St John's -HP  
11.30am 'Time for God' at St Anne's  
1pm Baptism at St Basil's - EK

*10:45 am*

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Anniversaries:

**St Basil's**, Jean Beale, Gladys Corbett, Glyn Lewis, Nancy Bullock, Charles Sillett, Lucy Wilson, Ena Bowen, Ethel Slade, Reg Lavender, Ernest Skuse,  
**St. John's**, James Daley, Harold Tarr, Peter Evans, Teresa Griffin, Roger Smith,  
**St Anne's** Alfred Paget, Violet Davies, Reginald Graham,

**Christmas Flowers** – Money can be given to Sandra at St Basil's

**Prize Draw and Quiz night**. £1900, thank you to all who were involved in any way

**St Woolo's Cathedral** - Advent Theologies - Talks and Thoughts. Each Tuesday Nov 28th to Dec 19th 7.30pm

**Christmas Celebration Concert** – Gwent Youth Choir and Chamber Strings will be holding a Christmas Celebration at St Basil's on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4.30pm all welcome. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

**Orchestra** – we are looking for new musicians to join the church orchestra to play at the Christingle service. There will be a rehearsal on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and before the service on Christmas eve. Please speak to Audrey or Chris if you would like to play.

**St Basil    St John the Baptist    St Anne**  
**BASSALEG    ROGERSTONE    HIGH CROSS**

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4.30pm Christmas Celebration Concert at St Basil's



**This Week in the Benefice**

**Monday** 6.30pm Diary Night  
7.30pm Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - CS  
**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist at St. John's - EK  
**Wednesday** 12 Noon Christmas Lunch Club  
**Thursday** 10.00am Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's - EK  
10.30am Coffee Morning at St Basil's  
3.15pm – Youth Coffee  
**Friday** 8.00am Eucharist at St. Basil's - CS

**ADVENT 1**

***The Lighting of the Advent Ring***

God of hope, through your servants Abraham and Moses, and all the great leaders of Israel, you called your people to follow you.

Through your Son Jesus Christ you renewed that call and showed us the right way.

In this time of Advent, help us to look forward to his coming again as we prepare to celebrate his birth.

**Come, Lord Jesus, Light of the world, come in power and hope.**

**Make us ready to welcome you and bring your hope to the world.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**The 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.**

**The First Reading**

**Isaiah 64:1–9 (REB)**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Why did you not tear asunder the heavens and come down, that, when you appeared, the mountains might shake, that the fire might blaze as it blazes in brushwood when it makes water boil? Then would your name be known to your adversaries, and nations would tremble before you. You surprised us with awesome things; the mountains shook when you appeared. Never has ear heard or eye seen any other god who acts for those who wait for him. You welcome him who rejoices to do what is right, who is mindful of your ways. When you showed your anger, we sinned, and in spite of it, we have done evil from of old. We all became like something unclean, and all our righteous deeds were like a filthy rag; we have all withered like leaves, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind. There is no one who calls on you by name, or rouses himself to hold fast to you; for you have hidden your face from us, and left us in the grip of our iniquities. Yet, LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, you the potter, and all of us are your handiwork. Do not let your anger pass all bounds, LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever; look on us all, look on your people.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

**80:1-8**

Come, Lord, and save us; come, Lord, and save us.

**Response: Come, Lord, and save us; come, Lord, and save us.**

Hear, O Shep/herd of / Israel:

you that led Joseph / like a / flock;

Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the / cherubim:

before Ephraim, Benjamin / and Ma/nasseh. **Response**

Stir up your / mighty / strength:

and come to / our sal/vation.

Turn us a/gain, O / God:

show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be / saved. **Response**

O Lord / God of / hosts:

how long will you be angry at your / people's / prayer?

You feed them with the / bread of / tears:

you give them abundance of / tears to / drink. **Response**

You have made us the derision / of our / neighbours:

and our enemies laugh / us to / scorn.

Turn us again, O / God of / hosts:

show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be / saved. **Response**

**The Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:3–9 (CEV)**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My prayer is that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! I never stop thanking my God for being kind enough to give you Christ Jesus, who helps you speak and understand so well. Now you are certain that everything we told you about our Lord Christ Jesus is true. You are not missing out on any blessings, as you wait for him to return. And until the day Christ does return, he will keep you completely innocent. God can be trusted, and he chose you to be partners with his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord, make / his paths / straight, and all flesh shall see the salva/tion of / God. **Alleluia!**

**The Gospel Reading**

**Mark 13:24–37 (TNIV)**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. But about that day or hour no-one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with an assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

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