

**Next Sunday 9th December – Advent 2**

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - Jonathan Williams  
9.25am *Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Anne's – CS  
10am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – Jonathan Williams  
10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's – CS

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Anniversaries:

**St Basil's:** John Evans, Elsie Kenward, Jean Beale, Gladys Corbett, Glyn Lewis, Nancy Bullock, Charles Sillett, Lucy Wilson, Ena Bowen, Ethel Slade, Reg Lavender,

**St John's,** Sidney Holland, Winifred Haywood, James Daley, Harold Tarr, Peter Evans, Teresa Griffin, Roger Smith,

**St Anne's:** - Alfred Paget, Violet Davies, Reginald Graham

**St Anne's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** a thanksgiving service will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm – please do come along and celebrate. A buffet will follow the service.

**Tonight – Advent Evening service at 6pm in St Basil's**

**Thursday – St John's Carol Service 7pm**

**Christmas Cards** – The Sunday schools from the Parish have designed some Christmas cards for sale. A pack of 8 cards is £3.50. It is hoped all Parishioners will buy at least one pack of cards.

**Carol Concert** – Monmouthshire and Newport Community Choirs and Gwent Community Wind band are holding a Carol Concert on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at St Basil's. Tickets are £3 and are available on the door

**Lunch club** will be holding its Christmas meal on the 5<sup>th</sup> December – 12. Noon in St Basil's Hall. The next lunch club will be the 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Christmas Presents** Again this year we are hoping that you will kindly donate Christmas presents for the needy children and young people of the Newport area for whom Christmas would be a sorry affair. Unwrapped presents may be left in the 3 churches at any time from now on. Collections from the churches will be made on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec in order for them to be allocated before Christmas. Once again many thanks.

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> December – Advent Sunday**

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - CS  
9.25am *Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Anne's – Jonathan Williams  
10am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – CS  
10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's – Jonathan Williams  
18.00pm Advent Evening Worship at St Basil's

**This Week in the Benefice**

<b>Monday</b>	6.30pm	Diary Night
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – CS
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's - CS
<b>Wednesday</b>	12 Noon	Christmas Lunch Club
	7.00pm	Carol Concert at St Basil's
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am	Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's - CS
	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning at St Basil's Hall
	3.15pm	Coffee and Video games
	7:30 <del>10.00</del> pm	St. John's Carol Service
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am	Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - CS

***Lighting of the Candles***

**Advent 1**

Hurry, Lord Jesus,  
and come to us quickly:  
fill our hearts with excitement  
at your coming into the world.  
May your ancient promises  
fulfil the hopes of everyone on earth.

**Amen**

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 2 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16 (REB)**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I have promised them. In those days, at that time, I shall make a righteous Branch spring from David's line; he will maintain law and justice in the land. In those days Judah will be kept safe and Jerusalem will live undisturbed. This will be the name given to him: The LORD our Righteousness.

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

### **The Psalm**

**25:1-4, 7-9**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**Response: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; \* O my God, in / you I / trust:  
let me not be put to shame \* let not my enemies / triumph / over me.

Let none who look to you be / put to / shame:  
let the treacherous be shamed / and fru/strated. **Response**

Lead me in your / truth and / teach me:  
for you are the God of my salvation; \*

for you have I hoped all / the day / long.  
Gracious and upright / is the / Lord:

therefore shall he teach sinners / in the / way. **Response**

He will guide the humble in / doing / right:  
and teach his way / to the / lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mer/cy and / truth:  
to those who keep his covenant / and his / testimonies. **Response**

### **The Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NJB)**

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

How can we thank God enough for you, for all the joy we feel before God on your account? We are earnestly praying night and day to be able to see you face to face again and make up any shortcomings in your faith. May God our Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, ease our path to you. May the Lord increase and enrich your love for each other and for all, so that it matches ours for you. And may he so confirm your

hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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**

**Luke 21:25-36 (TNIV)**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 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. Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

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