

Next Sunday 16th December – Advent 3

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 – JW
10am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – CS
10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's – JW
6pm St Basil's Carol Service

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries:

St Basil's: Ernest Skuse, Peter Charlesworth, Phyllis Steer, David Bull, Deborah Parker, Edna Bailey, Margaret Harris, Paul Taylor, Doug Cooke, Beatrice Squires, Joyce Mills

St John's, Edgar Smith, Doris Thomas, May James, William Williams, Harold Tuckfield,

St Anne's: - Cheryl Cowper, Audrey Howells, Alfred Bressington, Albert Short, Henry Butler, Amy Tetley, Dennis Miles,

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

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.

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 10th and 17th of Dec in order for them to be allocated before Christmas. Once again many thanks.

Christmas Flowers – If you would like to donate towards the Christmas flowers, please speak to Sandra Jones at St Basil's and Margaret Hayes at St. John's

Light up a Life in aid of St David's hospice care takes place at St Basil's on Thursday at 7pm

Christingle Orchestra – A rehearsal will be held on Saturday 22nd December at 2.30pm and also on Christmas eve at 3pm before the Christingle service at 4pm.

St Basil St John the Baptist St Anne
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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

This Week in the Benefice

Monday No diary night or Eucharist
Tuesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist at St. John's - CS
Wednesday 7.30pm St Anne's 60th Service
Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's - CS
 3.15pm Coffee and Video games
 7.00pm Light Up a Life at St Basil's - CS
Friday 8.00am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's - CS

Lighting of the Candles
Advent 2

Hurry, Lord Jesus,
and come to us quickly:
fill our hearts with praise
at your coming into the world.
May the message of the prophets
reach the ears of everyone on earth.

Amen.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 9 December

The Collect

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9 (NJB)

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of God's glory for evermore, wrap the cloak of God's righteousness around you, put the diadem of the Eternal One's glory on your head, for God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, and the name God gives you for evermore will be, 'Peace-through-Justice, and Glory-through-Devotion'. Arise Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your children reassembled from west and east at the Holy One's command, rejoicing because God has remembered. Though they left you on foot driven by enemies, now God brings them back to you, carried gloriously, like a royal throne. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk safely in God's glory. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel, at God's command; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with the mercy and saving justice which come from him.

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

The Song of Zechariah - Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79

**O bless the God of Israel who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, with love for all to see.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release:
God shall fulfil his promise and bring our people peace.**

**He comes! the Child of David, the Son whom God has given;
he comes to live among us and raise us up to heaven:
before him goes his herald forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness, the sun begins to rise -
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour, with songs that never cease!**

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11 (CEV)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Every time I think of you, I thank my God. And whenever I mention you in my prayers, it makes me happy. This is because you have taken part with me in spreading the good news from the first day you heard about it. God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns. You have a special place in my heart. So it is only natural for me to feel the way I do. All of you have helped in the work that God has given me, as I defend the good news and tell about it here in jail. God himself knows how much I want to see you. He knows that I care for you in the same way that Christ Jesus does. I pray that your love will keep on growing and that you will fully know and understand how to make the right choices. Then you will still be pure and innocent when Christ returns. And until that day, Jesus Christ will keep you busy doing good deeds that bring glory and praise to God.

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 3:1-6 (TNIV)

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar — when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene — during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation.'"

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