

Next Sunday 23rd December – Advent 4

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries:

St Basil's: Myra Powell, Peveril McKim, Minnie Hodgkinson, Sybil Bateman, Doris Ames, Lyn Williams, Peggy Hicks, Emrys Pierce,
St John's, Ron James, Lilian Davies, Wilfred Drewett, Stella Craddock, John Shell,

St Anne's: - Ronald Dennis, George Day,

Christmas Presents 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

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.

Christmas in the Benefice

Monday 24th – Christmas Eve

3.00pm *Orchestra Rehearsal at St Basil's*
4.00pm Christingle Service at St Basil's
4.00pm Crib Service at St John's
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Basil's
President & Preacher – Jonathan Williams
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St John's
President & Preacher – Chris Stone

Tuesday 25th – Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's
President & Preacher – Chris Stone
9.30am Family Eucharist at St Anne's
President & Preacher – Jonathan Williams
10.00am Family Eucharist at St Basil's
President & Preacher – Chris Stone
10.45am Family Eucharist at St John's
President & Preacher – Jonathan Williams



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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

This Week in the Benefice

Monday 6.30pm Diary Night at St Basil's
 7.30pm Holy Eucharist at St Basil's
Tuesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist at St. John's - CS
Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist and healing at St. Anne's - CS
 6.00pm Pentrepoeth School Carols at St Basil's
Friday 8.00am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – CS
 8.30am-1pm Bassaleg School Carol services

Lighting of the Candles

Advent 3

Hurry, Lord Jesus
and come to us quickly:
fill our hearts with joy
at your coming into the world.
May the words of John the Baptist
open the hearts of everyone on earth.

Amen.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 16 December

The Collect

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NJB)

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion! Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has repealed your sentence; he has turned your enemy away. The LORD is king among you, Israel, you have nothing more to fear. When that day comes, the message for Jerusalem will be: Zion have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The LORD your God is there with you, the warrior-Saviour. He will rejoice over you with happy song, he will renew you by his love, he will dance with shouts of joy for you, as on a day of festival. I have taken away your misfortune, no longer need you bear the disgrace of it. I am taking action here and now against your oppressors. When that time comes I will rescue the lame, and gather the strays, and I will win them praise and renown when I restore their fortunes. At that time I shall be your guide, at the time when I gather you in, I shall give you praise and renown among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes under your own eyes, declares the LORD.

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

A Song of Deliverance

Isaiah 12:2-6

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Response: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

“Behold God is / my sal/vation:

I will trust and will not / be a/fraid;

For the Lord God is my strength / and my / song:

and has become / my sal/vation.” **Response**

With joy you will draw water from the wells / of sal/vation:

On that day you will say * “Give thanks to the Lord call up/on his / name;

Make known his deeds a/mong the / nations:

proclaim that his name / is ex/alted. **Response**

Sing God’s praises who has / triumphed / gloriously:

let this be known in / all the / world.

Shout and sing for joy you that / dwell in / Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy / One of / Israel.” **Response**

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7 (REB)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I wish you joy in the Lord always. Again I say: All joy be yours. Be known to everyone for your consideration of others. The Lord is near; do not be anxious, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

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 3:7-18 (TNIV)

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” Even tax collectors came to be baptised. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely — be content with your pay.” The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

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