



## Sunday 10 December 2017: The Second of Advent

### TODAY'S SERVICES:

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| 8:00am        | Eucharist             | Pr Fr Chris Rogers |
| <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist</b> | Pr Fr Chris Rogers |
| 6:00pm        | Evening Prayer        | Fr Tim Pilkington  |

**Hymns: 12; 16; 15; 6**

### First Reading, read by Stuart Wild

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it

### Isaiah 40:1-5 & 9-11

together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### Psalm 85: 8 - 13



I will listen to what the Lord God will say for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not a-gain to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kiss'd each other;

**Response: Show us O Lord, your mercy.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heav'n. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

**Response: Show us O Lord, your mercy.**

**Gospel Mark 1:1–8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of

Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**Intercessions led by Rob Halls**

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|                    | + Alan, Bp of St Albans +Justin, Archbishop<br>The Episcopal Church of Western North Carolina &<br>Bishop Porter Taylor   |
| Sick &<br>Bereaved | <i>Long term:</i> Christina Billington, Judith Hill, Yvonne Rix,<br>Omid Tatiae, Margaret Taylor, Len Bennett, Priscilla Watt,<br>Matthew Baynes, priest., Gordon Hufford, Pamela Pennock<br><i>and immediate:</i> Diane Luckraft, baby Archie Brennan and his<br>parents Max and Alex, Ingrid Carding, Roy Stone, Sung Hee<br>and Jun Yong Suh |
| RIP                |   |
| Memorial           | Tony Roberts  |

Today we remember 2nd Lieutenant William Wilson McBride of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who died of wounds received on the Italian front on December 5th 1917. He was 20.

**WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK:**

*Morning Prayer* Monday 9:00am; Tuesday 9:00am at All Saints Shrublands Road;  
Wednesday 8:00am; Thursday & Friday 9:00am

*Eucharist* Tuesday 9:30am at All Saints' Shrublands Road; Wednesday 8:30am  
in St Peters

*Evening Prayer* Monday – Friday 5:00pm; Saturday 6:00pm

**NOTICES**



**COWPER SOCIETY PRESENTS ON Monday 11 December**

the first of a new series of **Winter Talks**: in advance of this year's *Messiah* concert on December 23, Adrian Davis will be **GETTING A HANDLE ON HANDEL. 8:00pm in the Court**

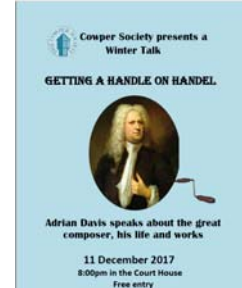
**House. Free entry.**

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**CONCERT FOR CHRISTMAS:** Berkhamsted Choral Society will be singing in St Peter's **this Sunday 10 December, 7:30pm.** See posters for further details.

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**HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Chiltern Chamber Choir with Bridgewater Sinfonietta. Saturday December 23, 7:30pm** in St Peter's. Tickets £14 in advance, £16 on the door, under 18 free, from Brown & Merry, 124 High Street, or from members of the choir.



**CHRISTIAN AID BIG SING.** Come and sing carols on Saturday 16th December between 10.30 and 12.00 in the market outside Tesco. Do join us to support Christian Aid's Christmas fund-raising: **Enough for Everyone.** Margaret Burbidge tel: 862139

**ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICE this Sunday, 10 December 2017** St Mary's Church Northchurch 6.00 pm. A quiet meditation service with chants and silence to celebrate Advent. Tea/coffee and cake to be served afterwards. All welcome.

**SCRATCH NATIVITY** Lex will be leading us in another scratch nativity next week, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30. Children and adults come dressed as your favourite character and together we'll tell the nativity story.

**MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES** If you can help by supplying some mince pies or by serving or clearing up after the parish carol service on 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, please sign the list at the back of church, or contact the church office.

**ARE YOU THINKING OF CHANGING YOUR HOUSE INSURANCE??** Ecclesiastical Insurance, with whom we insure church buildings and property, has offered to donate £130 to St Peters Church for every member of the church (clergy, congregation, volunteer, bell ringer, sides person, welcome - whatever you do for or at St Peter's) who changes their house insurance to Ecclesiastical before 31st October 2018. So, if you think you might change your insurer in the next 10 months please take this into account and get a quote from Ecclesiastical. *(continued overleaf)*

If you choose Ecclesiastical your church will receive £130. This offer is approved and supported by the PCC. To take advantage of this offer visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130) or phone 0800 783 0130 and quote TRUST 130. Thank you! Richard Hackworth

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - In the new year, Fr Simon will be running a confirmation course fortnightly in the Court House on Sunday afternoons. If you would like to enquire about the possibility of being confirmed, please email or speak to Fr Simon.

**KEEP THE DATE** Sunday 21 January 2018 - Bring and share lunch in the Court House. Everyone welcome. More details and how to sign up to follow after Christmas.

### MEETING THIS WEEK

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| <b>Julian Meeting</b>       | Ruth T-B 863268            | Meet for about half an hour of quiet prayer. All are welcome. 3 Sherwood Mews, Park Street 11:30am               | Wed 13 Dec |
| <b>Little Fishes</b>        | Tracy Robinson<br>863559   | Fridays in term time: 9:30-11:15am Court House. <i>With today: Christmas story and crafts</i>                    | Fri 15 Dec |
| <b>ABC Prayer Breakfast</b> | Peggy Sear<br>01296 584530 | 8:00am at the Way Inn; third Saturday of the month. Prayer requests to Peggy Sear by the previous Monday, please | Sat 17 Dec |

**PEW LEAFLET** notices copy-ready & rota swaps **by 2pm Wednesday please**  
**PARISH OFFICE** hours: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm

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