



## Sunday December 2, 2018: First Sunday of Advent

### TODAY'S SERVICES:

8:00am	Eucharist	Fr Chris Rogers
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Pr Will Gore
6:00pm	Advent Carol Service	Fr Tim Pilkington

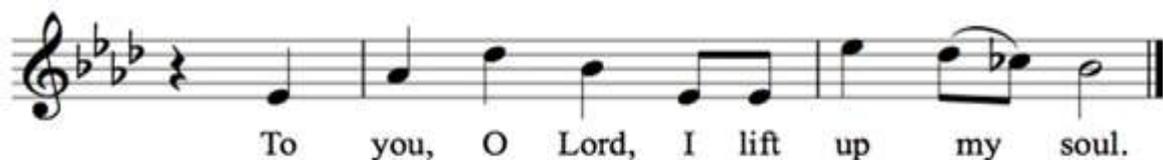
**Hymns: 9; 13 (tune 162); 14 (tune 341); 18**

### **First Reading, read by Nicky Evans**     **Jeremiah 33:14–16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and

righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### **Psalm 25: 1-9**



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, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

**Response** *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 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. **Response**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **Response**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

### **Gospel**      **Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### **Intercessions led by Will Gore**

	+ Alan, Bp of St Albans +Justin, Archbishop The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain & Bishop Carlos López-Lozano
Sick & Bereaved	<i>Long term:</i> Christina Billington, Judith Hill, Yvonne Rix, Margaret Taylor, Len Bennett, Priscilla Watt <i>and immediate:</i> Diane Luckraft, Keith Dawson, John and Philip Jennings, Julie Painter, Peter Lindley, Lorna Sargaison, Melanie Clemow with thanksgiving
RIP	
Memorial	Marceline Gentil

## BLESSING OF THE TRAVELLING CRIB

**President:** Joseph and Mary lived at Nazareth. Today they are setting out on a long journey.

**Family:** They can spend the night with us.

**President:** They are on their way to Bethlehem.

**Family:** We shall go with them tomorrow.

**President:** Mary is expecting a wonderful baby.

**Family:** What will the baby's name be?

**All:** **He will be called Jesus, the Saviour, the Prince of Peace, God with us.**

**O God, thank you for sending Jesus to us as a tiny baby. Help us to build peace in this world: to care about the poor, the lonely and the sad, and give us joy at Christmas time, for your sake. Amen**

## 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

**THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 is Advent Sunday.** At 6:00pm St Peter's choir will be singing a **andle-lit Advent Carols Service** in St Peter's. Come and start the Advent journey with us.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped at the Festival of Light last weekend. It was wonderful to see so many people coming in to the church. **BEAUTIFUL ST PETER'S:**

Photographer Colin Drake kindly agreed to come to St Peter's last Sunday to take pictures of the candlelit church during the Festival of Light. You can see his superb photos on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y8khwtwh>

**WATFORD, HEMEL & ST. ALBANS NHS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from the hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let your parish clergy know if you or a close relative are in hospital. Contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling **01923 217994** or **0777 659 8704**. Referrals can also be made via email: [spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk](mailto:spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk)

**COWPER SOCIETY PRESENTS: a concert of Christmas music,** including Chilcott's *Gloria*, by Berkhamsted Choral Society. **Sunday December 9, 7:30pm** in St Peter's. See posters for more details.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** A staged version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will take place in St Peter's Lady Chapel on **Thursday December 13 at 8:00pm**. Do come

and see a traditional Christmas entertainment for all ages. Tickets and details at [www.dramaimpact.com](http://www.dramaimpact.com) or tel 07834 451788

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE** we need helpers to supply mince pies and to set up, serve and clear away at the parish carol service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you can help, or email [churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk)

## MEETING THIS WEEK

	<b>Advent Carols Service in St Peter's, 6:00pm</b>	Sun 2 Dec	
<b>Sundays Together Lunch</b>	Carolynne Charman 869003	12:30pm in the Court House. For anyone on their own on a Sunday.	Sun 2 Dec
<b>St Peter's Ladies Club</b>	Rosslyn Laidler 879992	7:30pm Court House: Christmas Dinner	Tues 4 Dec
<b>Little Fishes</b>	Tracy Robinson 863559	Fridays in term time: 9:30-11:15am Court House / church. <i>With today: St Nicholas and Party.</i>	Fri 7 Dec

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**PEW LEAFLET** notices copy-ready & rota swaps **by 2pm Wednesday please**  
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR BUILDING WORK UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

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### Parish Office: Irregular hours until after Christmas

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