

Welcome

We welcome Revd Catherine Barnard as our officiant this morning.

Dabble Day

The next Dabble Day will be on Wednesday 6th December from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m, Coffee/tea is served from 10.30 a.m. More information at the back of church.

Planned Giving Envelope Boxes.

We have recycled some old boxes to save money (and the planet!) Please make sure you take one and let Grace or Hilary know your new number.

Shoebox Appeal

Lucinda, the group's Mission Apprentice, has provided some boxes for us to support the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal, which we supported for many years. Do take one if you can fill it - or share with one or two others to spread the cost. **THE DEADLINE IS TODAY - 19TH NOVEMBER**

Meditative Service

The last in the series of short, meditative services at St. John's entitled "Be still, and know that I am God" is today 26th November at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday morning prayers

There will be weekly prayers for the 4 parishes in our group on Thursday mornings, 9am on zoom. All welcome to join. Use login: 996-9646-3899, p a s s w o r d : 6 6 2 2 9 1 . O r l i n k : <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/99696463899?pwd=NzZFNjVIYUtQQm50MHVSQUhNQ2twZz09>. Pick up a prayer booklet in church to use as we pray.

Focus Group Update

Details of what we talked about last month, are on the noticeboard at the back of church.. Please also take one of the question sheets for next month from the noticeboard, as it helps us to think through things ahead of time. Dates for your diary - 26th November; **21st January (change of date)**, 25th February 10.00 a.m. start; 11.15 a.m. finish - come early for Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m

Please continue to pray for all on our prayer list: Wendy and Eric; Simon and Keretha, Pauline, Doreen, Dennis, Tracy, Philippa, Rosemary, Dermot and anyone known to you.

Sunday 19th November 2023

Second Sunday before Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (*tel. 07916 715659*)

Interim Assistant Curate:

Revd. Daniel Furlong (*tel: 07749 941348*)

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme

Mr. John Ratnik

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the Day (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

¹ Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples,

¹⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five

talents; see, I have made five more talents."

²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."

²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."

²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?"

²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post-communion (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Activities for the week

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| Today | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 21st | 12 noon | Knit 'n' Natter |
| | 6.00 p.m. | Beaver Scouts |
| Wednesday 22nd | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 3.00 p.m. | Cook & Eat |
| | 6.30 p.m. | Cub Scouts |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Scouts and |
| Saturday 25th | 5.00 p.m. | New Joy Thanksgiving Praise Evening |
| Sunday 26th | 9.30 a.m. | Said Holy Communion |
| | 10.15 a.m. | Focus Group in Hall |
| | 6.30 p.m. | Meditative service at St. John's |