
Pew-sheet for Sunday 7th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: Purple

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of John the Evangelist,
Wicken

4.00pm Celtic Footsteps at the
church of St Nicholas, Potterspury
with guest speaker Rev. Rachel
Kurkinen from the Peterborough
diocese branch of "Together C of E."
The theme this month is "Celebrate
Diversity."

Collect for today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your
power and come among us, and with
great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness we are grievously
hindered in running the race that is
set before us, your bountiful grace
and mercy may speedily help and
deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit, be honour and glory, now and
for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion prayer for today

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.
Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former
days was written for our instruction, so
that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures we
might have hope. ⁵ May the God of
steadfastness and encouragement grant
you to live in harmony with one
another, in accordance with Christ
Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with
one voice glorify the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just
as Christ has welcomed you, for the
glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ
has become a servant of the
circumcised on behalf of the truth of
God in order that he might confirm the
promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and
in order that the Gentiles might glorify
God for his mercy. As it is written,
'Therefore I will confess you among the
Gentiles, and sing praises to your
name';

¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O
Gentiles, with his people';

¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you
Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise
him';

¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of
Jesse shall come, the one who rises to
rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles
shall hope.'

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that you
may abound in hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, according to
Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his

threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 10th December

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Thursday 11th December

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Sunday 14th December

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10.00am Holy Communion at
Yardley Gobion

5.30pm Carols at Wicken, starting
in church and continuing on the
village green

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspury Daily around 9am until 4pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Wicken – please check noticeboard for who to contact if you wish to go in to church.

What else is coming up?

- **Tue 9 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
- **Tue 9 Dec – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspury
- **Sat 13 Dec – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** – Potterspury
- **Sat 13 Dec – 19.30 – Brave Marauders Christmas Concert** – Potterspury
- **Tue 16 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
- **Tue 16 Dec – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspury
- **Sat 20 Dec – 10.30 - Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion

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Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the

ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

Psalm 72.1-7

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

1 Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

2 Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.

3 May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

**May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all
nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, the only Saviour.**

**Please take this pew-sheet home
with you after today's service.**

**You may wish to use the
readings during the week for
your own prayer and reflection.**