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## **Sunday 5th December 2021** **2nd Sunday of Advent**

**10.00am Parish Holy Communion St. James**

*Revd. Jane Wood*

**10.00am Parish Holy Communion St.  
Bartholomew's, Nympsfield**

*Canon Michael Cozens*

**12.00pm Baptism St. James of Jessica Gayner**

*Revd. Jane Wood*

**5.00pm Taizé Service St Mark's**

*Paula Rix*

### **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

*Today our candle reminds us of the Prophets – especially those who foretold the coming of the Saviour of the world*  
**Prayer**

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love. **Amen**

### **Collect**

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 forever. **Amen**

### **Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **The Benedictus**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David.
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets  
which have been since the world began
- 4 That we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hands of all that hate us,
- 5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 6 To perform the oath  
which he swore to our forefather Abraham:
- 7 That he would give us, that we being delivered out of the  
hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,
- 8 In holiness and righteousness before him  
all the days of our life
- 9 And thou child, shalt be called  
the Prophet of the Highest  
for thou shalt go before the  
face of the Lord to prepare his ways,
- 10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people '   
for the remission of their sins.
- 11 Through the tender mercy of our God  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
- 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
World without end Amen

### **New Testament Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 1 – 6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and

Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God'

### Post-communion prayer

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**

### Intercessions

Jesus Christ, may the light of your truth shine in your Church and on your world, to give true life and freedom. We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember especially Mel, Bob, Sue, Janet, Keith, Siobhan, Bernard, Rita, Geoff, Norma, Marlene, Margaret, Joyce, Joan, Nina, Rose, Alisa, Peter, Frances, and Phil. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble We remember John Jones, Ruth Drysdale, Ralph Pearson, and Terry Combes, recently departed, and pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

*If you would like someone who is currently unwell or in particular need of prayer to be named on the weekly pew sheet, please email the parish office giving the person's name and also your name as the contact*

### Service Sheet for Worship at Home

If you are unable to join the Sunday services, please do make use of the reflective service for use at home alongside the prayers and readings for the day which can be found on this pew sheet.

If you would like a copy please contact the office [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Care

**Please continue to let Canon Michael (546459), Revd Ian Gardner (546895) or Revd Jane Wood (07983 623525) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Marion Kee (860364) or Pat Jones (860696) are happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield**

**Please continue to check the Ewelme Family Facebook page and the Benefice website [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk) regularly and if there are members who you know do not use any of these media, please let them know what is going on.**

Printed copies of the weekly pew sheet are available to pick up from the porch in St James from Friday lunchtime. The porch will be left open every day. For those who can't come into Dursley, especially from Nympsfield or Uley, please do contact the office if you know of someone who would appreciate a printed copy.

### This week

Mon 6th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tues 7th	7.00pm	Advent Course via Zoom
Wed 8th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
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Thurs 9th	9.00am	Morning Prayer, St James
	10.00am	Holy Communion, St. James

To access the links to the Zoom services go to the website [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

### Services for Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion, St James, Dursley
10.00am	Parish Communion St. Giles, Nympsfield
10.30am	Service of The Word, St Mark's



### Church of England App

Download this Link For your daily Advent reflection.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/heart-christmas-our-2021-advent-and-christmas>



### Taizé Service

Join us today at St. Mark's, 5.00pm for a quiet candlelit service of reflection

### Advent Course

Each session will use a different 'Song' from the early chapters of Luke as a basis for discussion. Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm starting 30th November via zoom.

All welcome.

Please email [s.paula.rix@gmail.com](mailto:s.paula.rix@gmail.com) for further information

### Morning Prayer in December via Zoom

Morning Prayer is usually said every Wednesday via Zoom. The link can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> - and clicking on the link there. If needed, Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

### Evening Prayer via Zoom

Twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm, a number of us join together via Zoom for a short 20 minute service of Evening Prayer. We use a variety of styles of service and usually include some music – a hymn or song. Do join us! The link can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> - and clicking on the link there. If needed, the Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

### **St James Crib Building.**

We'd love your help to build our wonderful Christmas Nativity scene.  
We'll be in St. James from 4.30pm on Monday 20th December.  
All welcome.



### **St Giles Christmas Fair**

Very sadly we have decided to cancel the Christmas Fayre due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December Uley Village Hall. We have taken this difficult decision in the light of the current Covid situation.  
Many thanks to those who had started planning – let's hope and pray for next year!



### **St James Christmas Flowers.**

Please can we ask for your donations towards our beautiful Christmas flower arrangements.  
Thank you, Ann and the Flower arrangers at St. James



### **Christmas Carvery**

Very sadly we have decided to cancel the Christmas Carvery due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December in the St James Parish Centre. We have taken this difficult decision in the light of the current Covid situation and to ensure that we are able to keep everyone as safe as possible. Many thanks to those who had started planning – let's hope and pray for next year!



### **St James Christingle Making**



We need all hands on deck to prepare Christingles again this year.  
The Parish Centre is booked for 11am on Thursday 23rd December.  
So please volunteer or just drop in.

### **Live streaming of Services.**

For December 2021 our pattern of Live Streaming differs:  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am from St James; 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am from St Giles; 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am from St James; for Christmas we will stream the 11pm Midnight Mass from St James, which can also be watched for Christmas Day; 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am from St James.

The St James service booklet for Christmas and Epiphany is now available on the website or from the Parish Office. First use will be the Midnight Mass. The links for each service can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> and clicking on the link there, or go into YouTube and enter 'Ewelme Benefice' in the Search Box, hit enter and select the service. Please note - the stream will start at about 9.50, the service starts at 10am. After the service the stream will convert to a recording which can be viewed from about 1 hour later.

When there is a stream failure go to the Cathedral service – details in website.

To listen to services from St James by phone through Zoom, dial 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237. Enter the Meeting ID 893 3298 0143 followed by a #, key in # for Participant ID and, if requested, the Passcode 899154 followed by a #. Please be aware that we are not able to offer this when the service comes from St Giles, and, due to technical difficulties, it may not always be possible to provide this Zoom link.

### **Save the date!**

Ewelme Benefice is planning a quiet day on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at St James Church.

The day is entitled:

### **DRAWING NEARER TO GOD**

Come and explore different ways of reflecting on God as we enter Lent. There will be an array of different ways of reflecting including singing, art, poetry, labyrinth, mindfulness, movement and prayer.

More detail will appear in the new year, but meanwhile keep the date free in your new diaries

### **Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Market in St James and to all who worked hard to make it so successful.