

## Information about the Sunday services

### Today

**8.30am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

Opening Hymn	Hark! What a sound - <b>28</b>
Anthem	Advent Message <i>How</i>
Offertory Hymn	Lo! He comes - <b>31</b>
Communion Hymn	Hark! A thrilling voice - <b>26</b>
	The advent of our King - <b>36</b>
Final Hymn	Come thou - <b>24</b>

**No Evening Worship**

### Next Week

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am** Holy Eucharist  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist  
**No Evening Worship**

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**[www.abingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.abingtonchurch.org.uk)**

#### **ALLERGY ADVICE:**

Please be aware that communion wafers contain Gluten, and the Sacramental Wine contains Sulphur Dioxides & Sulphites (all wines do)

Please send notices for future bulletins to [victorialouiseaustin@hotmail.com](mailto:victorialouiseaustin@hotmail.com) or to my home address, 87 Cedar Way, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4SH by **WEDNESDAY** evening.  
Thank you.

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## **Welcome to Abington Church**



# **ADVENT SUNDAY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
2018**

### Today

**8.30am** Holy Eucharist  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist  
**3.00pm** Memorial Service for Bob Cunnington  
**No Evening Worship**

### This Week

*There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday until further notice.*

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**NO Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**NO Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**NO Morning Prayer**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10.00am** Holy Eucharist

If you are visiting us today for the first time, you are most welcome and we hope you enjoy the worship. The tower room at the back of the church is available during the services for young children and parents, if required. Primary school children are invited to join in the Sunday school activities, which takes place in church during the 10.00am service. Younger children are also welcome to join Sunday school, as long as they are accompanied by a parent. For information, there is a toilet at the back of the church.

Hearing Aid Users can tune in to the services on the 'T' position.

Do ask a member of the congregation if you need any help during the service.

If you would like make a donation to the running of the church, you are invited to put your offering in a yellow envelope, which you will find on the pews. Your donation can be gift aided if you print your name, full address including postcode, and sign the envelope and then we are able to reclaim the tax. Thank you.

## **Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to us in great humility; so that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

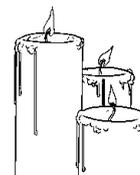
## **WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS**

*In your prayers this week*, please pray for all Christians and for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, and The Rt. Revd. Carlos Lopez-Lozano.

In our local community, please pray for the residents of Maclean Close and for the Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils of Boughton Primary School.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Evelyn Stafford, Jim Wishart, Barbara Shakespeare, Michael Aiers, Eleanor Parker, Brenda Wilson, Sarah Raven, John Stewart, Joyce Davidson, David Adams, Daphne Harvey, Rachel Waters, Nikki Pearcey and Ruth Markie.

Please also pray for the faithful departed, naming especially Robert Cunnington and Louise Elvy, and for Arthur Wilford, Daisy Holliday, and all those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time.



## **Intercessions for people in need**

If you, or someone you know, would like to be prayed for, please would you let either Victoria or Cathy Tinsley (07516979223) know and we will add the person to the Sunday intercessions. Thank you.

A big thank you to Donald Loe who has co-ordinated the prayer requests for many years. He has now passed this important work onto Cathy, who will now be producing the monthly prayer lists.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **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 does not 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.'

#### **Enquiries for Weddings and Baptisms**

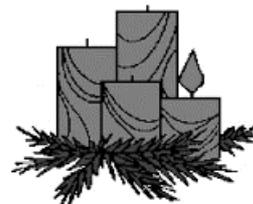
Enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms, Banns etc. can be booked via the Parish Office (718567).

## **WE LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE:**

*Hope for all God's people*

We light this candle for all God's people, struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

**God, as we wait for your promise,  
give light, give hope.**



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## **Forthcoming Dates.**

### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 10-12am, Abington Parish Rooms - come along and join us for our festive coffee morning, family and friends welcome. Stalls include raffle, tombola, crafts and homemade produce. Donations of crafts, tombola, and raffle prizes are welcome as are donations of homemade produce on the day.

*Jeanette has a selection of Christmas fabrics if anyone wants to make any novelties to sell at the coffee morning - she doesn't want any money for the fabric, there is also a book which can be borrowed with some ideas for decorations and novelties.*

### **Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union Christmas Get Together is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm at the Parish Rooms. There will be a Christmas quiz organised by Caroline and then we will enjoy a festive tea together. Members are encouraged to bring a friend along to the afternoon.

## **General Notices**

### **Vacancy**

Please note that during the Vacancy nothing should be removed from any of the drawers, cupboards etc

without consultation with the Churchwardens. This is to comply with the rules governing the said Vacancy. Thank you, Dianne & Donald.

### **Readers and Intercessors at 10.00am service**

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to do these important tasks, whether you are taking them on for the first time or have been doing them for years. The new rotas are now available at the back of church so please pick yours up today. Alison.

### **Parish Christmas Cards**

This year's Parish Christmas Cards, detailing all the Christmas services and the Charities that will benefit from the Christmas collections are on the table at the back of the Church.

Please take a few cards to hand out to friends, family and neighbours.

## **Psalm 25**

1. I lift my soul to you, O God.  
In you I trust, in you alone.  
Save me from shame and from defeat  
lest my opponents should gloat over me.
2. No-one whoever trusts in you  
shall find their hope is put to shame.  
Shame comes to those who turn away,  
who spurn the goodness of the living God.
3. Make known your paths to me, O Lord;  
show me the ways which I should take.  
Teach me and lead me, faithful God;  
you are my saviour and my hope is in you.
4. Remember, Lord, your tender care,  
your never failing, constant love.  
Forgive my sins, my youth's offence;  
in love and kindness remember me,  
Lord.

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## **First Reading**

### **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.'

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## **Second Reading**

### **1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - end**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **Hope Centre facing eviction – what we can do?**

The Hope Centre provides help for homeless people and supports them into accommodation through skills and practical support and is one of our Christmas charities this year. We have heard recently that it is facing eviction from its premises at the Oasis Centre. At Deanery Synod this week we unanimously resolved to support the users, staff and Trustees of the Hope Centre through prayer and by signing the petition [www.change.org/p/midlands-heart-save-the-hope-centre](http://www.change.org/p/midlands-heart-save-the-hope-centre)