

16th December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

Presiding: Peter Vickers
Preaching: Mike Branscombe
Intercessor: Clergy
Reader: Tanya Hall

10am Parish Communion

Presiding: Peter Vickers
Preaching: Mike Branscombe
Intercessor: Michael Elson
Readers: Ed Bowen and Moni Babatunde

6pm Nine Lessons & Carols @ St Mary's

Presiding: Godfrey Hilliard

Friday 21st December 10:30 Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching:
Mike Branscombe



Welcome to St Andrew's!

If this is the first time you are joining us please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or someone with a name badge. If you would like more information on anything at St Andrew's please leave your details on the welcome card on the desk. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We have an audio loop in the church and large print versions of our service booklet are available. Please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. There is a WC in the corner of the church, just past the organ. We hope you enjoy the service.

Kid's Church is a time of teaching, fun and worship for children and young people. We have activities available for children from the age of 2 to 13 and up. Please enter through the main door of Church Gate House. Children join their families to worship together for the last part of the service.

At the back of the Church there is an activity space for very small children.

REFRESHMENTS Tea & Coffee will be served after the 10am family service in Church Gate House by Lyn Sahami and Becky Moorman. Please do join us.

This week's prayers and readings:

Service Booklets:

8am & 10am:

Advent Booklet
Eucharistic Prayer E

Readings:

8am & 10am:

Zephaniah 3:14-end
(OT 911)
Philippians 4.4-7
(NT 212)
Luke 1:39-45 (NT 61)

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Advent

God for whom we
watch and wait, you sent
John the Baptist to
prepare the way of
your son;
give us courage to
speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the
cause of right,
with Jesus Christ
our Lord
Amen

Praying For:

- Peter and Mike as they lead our services today. Pray that God will speak to us through their words as we worship together.
- Those reading, leading the prayers, playing and singing today.
- Everyone involved in Kid's Church this morning.

Pastoral/Church

- The bereaved family and friends of Joan McCarter, Catherine O'Malley, John Bonny and Margaret Horne.
- Those in our congregation who are ill, facing treatment, recovering from an operation or who are lonely.
- A number of our church family who are facing a troubling diagnosis. Please pray for their healing and wisdom for the health professionals treating them.
- For Judith Robinson as she recovers from her operation.
- That our Follow the Star postcards encourage people to join us at St Andrew's for our Christmas Services.
- That the invitations to the Christmas Lunch are finding their way to the people we need to reach.
- That every school and organisation that have visited St Andrew's during December for their carol services and concerts have been touched by God's love.
- The future of United Kingdom and all who live here as Brexit causes great uncertainty.
- For safety for the refugees trying to cross the English Channel in small boats.
- Give thanks for progress in the peace talks regarding Yemen taking place in Sweden.
- The climate change talks taking place in Poland at the moment, that we should care for God's wonderful creation.

This week's notices:

MAIASTRA CONCERT here this evening at 7:30pm. Musical programme on the poster.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH we will again be hosting a Christmas Day Lunch for those in need or who be would on their own on Christmas Day. Do you know anyone who would like an invitation? Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking (before the day) and on the day, setting up, serving and driving etc. Please sign up on the sheets in the porch if you can help.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS we would like to bless 2 of the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) families we are currently working with, with Christmas hampers of food & toys this Christmas. One of the clients is a family with 2 children, a boy 8 & girl 6. The other client is single middle aged lady who is a vegetarian. If you could contribute items to these hampers please drop them into the office. Many thanks Charleen.

GREETERS AND SIDESPEOPLE are still needed for the following services:-

24/12 5.00 Crib Service

If you can help please see or contact Judy Brickett on 01932 867427.

THE FOOD BANK would be most grateful for donations of: tinned meat, pasta sauce, UHT/long Life Juice (x 1L), ketchup, custard (tins or cartons, tinned potatoes, rice pudding (tins) sugar (small pack 500g), biscuits, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes and cat & dog food. *Could you consider doing a reverse advent challenge for the Food Bank? By saving an item for the Food Bank each day during Advent.*

PASTORAL SCHEME. Details of the proposed pastoral scheme, ie the splitting of the parishes of St Andrew's and St Mary's, are now on the notice board in the church porch. Anyone who wishes to make representations for or against the proposed scheme should do so by 9 January 2019.

Sunday 23rd December – 4th Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion Presiding: Mike Branscombe Preaching: Charleen Hollington	10am Parish Communion Presiding: Mike Branscombe Preaching: Charleen Hollington	6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols Presiding: Mike Branscombe	9pm Advent Compline Presiding: Mike Branscombe
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Upcoming Events

Monday 17 th	12 noon	Funeral of Catherine O'Malley
Tuesday 18 th	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 th	9am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Baby Talk – Christmas Party
Friday 21 st	10:30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 22 nd	All Day	Kid's Church Party & Rehearsals
Sunday 23 rd	8am 10am 6:30pm 9pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Christingle Nine Lessons and Carols Advent Compline
Monday 24 th Christmas Eve	5pm 11pm	Crib Service – A Well Good Story First Communion of Christmas
Tuesday 25 th Christmas Day	8am 10am	Holy Communion Family Service – A Gift for Him
Friday 28 th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Parish Communion