

## WORSHIP THE LORD

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| <b>Sunday.</b><br>10:30 am<br>Celebrant     | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)</b><br>Parish Mass<br>Fr. Stuart Boyd<br>Followed by refreshments |
| <b>Monday</b><br>6:00 pm                    | <b>St Johns Clevedon</b><br>Mass   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>10:00 am                  | All Saints Church<br>Mass.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>11:00 am<br>6:00 pm     | St Saviours Hall, Locking Rd<br>Coffee Church Carol Service<br><b>St Johns Clevedon</b><br>Mass          |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>10:00 am                 | All Saints Church<br>Mass  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>10:00 am                   | <b>St Johns Clevedon</b><br>BCP Mass   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>10:00 am                 | All Saints Church<br>Mass  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b><br>10:30 am              | 4th Sunday of Advent (B)<br>Parish Mass  |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>6:00 pm<br>11:00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass at St Saviour's Hall.<br>Midnight Mass of the Nativity                              |

## Pray for Gods People

**Those who are in need, including:** Enid, Eunice, Gary, Paula, Angela, Mike, Alan, Pam, Emma, Keith, Suzanne, Deirdre, Sarah, Nichola, John, Andy, Shelley, Kimberley, Christine, Julie, Maria, Val, Eyleen, and all who receive Communion at home, all who mourn the death of a loved one, all who are lonely at this time.  
Those who have died recently, including: Beverley Leech and Gloria Hacker.

And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this including: Christopher Manners (18<sup>th</sup>), Jo Reynolds (19<sup>th</sup>), Mary Vaughan (20<sup>th</sup>), Albert Vaughan (21<sup>st</sup>), Gerry Butcher (22<sup>nd</sup>), Fr Peter Clarke (23<sup>rd</sup>).

Rest Eternal Grant to them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

## Calendar and Events

The Eight Candlestands were given in memory of former members of our congregation. Perhaps you would like to contribute towards our new season's candles in memory of family or just for yourself. Please speak to Terry. £3.00 per candle or £20.00 a stand.

All of our events in Advent and services at Christmas are in the winter newsletter.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of January Fr Brendan would like to remind everyone that you are invited to Tea at the Vicarage 2-5pm. 1 St John's Rd, Clevedon BS21 7TG. Ample parking close by the church and house

There is a "Church Christmas Card" at the back of Church to the congregation you may like sign and maybe make a donation in one of the donation boxes. Also Donations for flowers please to help make our Church beautiful during Christmastide would be gratefully accepted, please see Myra or Janice.

Please remember our Foodbank collection box at St Saviours Hall or All Saints Church

We welcome any visitors to our church today please stay for refreshments after Mass.

## All Saints with Saint Saviour's

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3rd Sunday of Advent

"Gaudete Sunday"

17th December 2023

## Our Worship Today

Today's readings tell us that God's saving power reveals itself as naturally and as inevitably as the changing of the seasons.

## Our Hymns Today

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| <b>Procession</b> | <b>466</b> | Those who almighty word                  |
| <b>Gradual</b>    | <b>11</b>  | O Come, O come, Emmanuel!<br>(v 5 and 6) |
| <b>Offertory</b>  | <b>55</b>  | Hail to the Lord's Anointed              |
| <b>Communion</b>  | <b>277</b> | Bread of the world in mercy<br>broken    |
| <b>Recession</b>  | <b>186</b> | Tell out my soul                         |

## The Word of the Lord

**Isaiah**

**61:1-2.10-11**

The radiant song of praise reminds us that our experience of human love is a foretaste of the joy promised to those who open their hearts to God.

**1 Thessalonians**

**5:16-24**

We are reminded that we can trust God to be alive and active in our world and in our lives, come what may

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:6-8. 19-28**

The story of John the Baptist reminds us that we are called to give witness to Jesus and prepare a way for him.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
"I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.  
"For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations."

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Luke 1:46-50. 53-54

**RESPONSE:** *My soul rejoices in my God.*

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R.**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.  
Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.  
Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** John 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, "I am not the Christ." "Well then," they asked "are you Elijah?" "I am not" he said. "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?" So John said, "I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord."

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, "Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?" John replied, "I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap." This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*