

Sunday 14th November 2021

2nd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to everyone today in church. Welcome, too, to those joining our livestreams via our churches Facebook pages.

The service at St Thomas' will follow the special order of service.

The service at St James' will follow the usual Sunday service and include an Act of Remembrance.

Covid safety measures remain in place: optional face-coverings, hand sanitizer, some pews with space in front/behind, non-physical sharing of the Peace, Holy Communion under form of bread, or bread and wine. If you are concerned about any aspect of church and being safe, please speak to one of the clergy or one of the Church Wardens.

Please remember that not everyone will want to be physically close to others and respect their preferences.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

St James 334

All people that on earth

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Daniel 12.1-3*

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

GRADUAL HYMN

St James 417

O God, our help in ages past

Gospel Reading *Mark 13.1-8*

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!”* and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

OFFERTORY HYMN

St James 354

Eternal Father, strong to save

COMMUNION HYMNS

St James 302

O thou, who at thy Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

FINAL HYMN

St James **413**

Now thank we all our God

The Week Ahead & Information

Monday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer on *St Thomas' Facebook page*

Tuesday

10am Eucharist at *St James'*

7.30pm Wedding rehearsal at *St Thomas'*

Wednesday

1.30pm Over 50s Social Group at *St Thomas' Refectory*

7pm Choir Practise at *St James'*

Thursday

10am Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

11-1 Refectory Café open at *St Thomas'*

Friday

Church cleaning at St Thomas'

Saturday

1pm Wedding for Phil & Hannah at *St Thomas'*

Next Sunday – Christ the King

9.15am Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

10.45am Eucharist & Baptism at *St James'*

3.30pm Evening Prayer at *St Thomas'*

Poppies at St James'

There are some wooden crosses available for those who would like to place one outside church after this morning's service. This is instead of everyone going down to the War Memorial. These are available in the Hall for a minimum donation of £3 each.

Thank you

To everyone who helped tidy St Thomas' Churchyard on Friday and to everyone who supported, in any way, St Thomas' Coffee Morning on Saturday. As ever, a great success!

Thursday Friends & Food in St Thomas' Hall

The next session is on Thursday 25th November at 2.30pm. Please come along, and invite someone to come with you!

St James' Christmas & Craft Fair

Saturday 27th November, 10.30-2. If you are willing to help look after one of the church stalls, please speak to Kaye Ridings. If you would like to help with the busy café, please let Frs David or Andrew know.

Advent Study Groups

Watch out for information about how we'll be learning and reflecting together during this season of preparation.

Deanery Advent Service

Sunday 5th December, 6.30pm, St James. If you would like to sing with the joint choirs for this service then please have a word with one of the clergy, or just turn up to choir rehearsal on Wednesday, 7pm, at St James'.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Names of those on the parish prayer lists will also be pinned to the prayer boards in each church.

For your prayers

For the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Graeme, Danielle, Alan, Jean, Rachael, Doris, Mike, Rita, Mother Enid, Margaret, Philip, Connie, Genevieve

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*