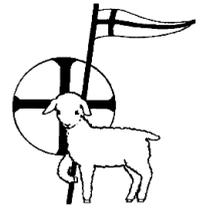


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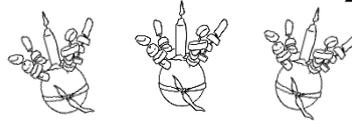


Sunday 7th December 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am All-Age Service with Christingles

Led by Canon Judy Anderson



Today the children are invited to make Christingles to light during the service and then take home afterwards. All materials provided! As usual, songs are accompanied by the Band, and refreshments are served after the service.

A request:

It has recently been mentioned that when children help to collect the offering at the All-Age service it is disappointing for them that many of us don't put anything in. We adults know about the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders and the card reader, but the children don't! It would be lovely if on a first Sunday all (or most) of us could pop a coin, however small, into the collection bag in addition to our direct giving – this would help to teach the children about giving regularly to the ministry of the church. Very many thanks!

Wednesday 10th December

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Upper Nadder Benefice, including a reading, a song, a meditation, and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care. All are welcome!

Other services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated in St Andrew's Chapel at 10.00am on Wednesdays (CW) and 8.00am on Fridays (BCP)

Next Sunday, 14th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Ven Louise Ellis, Archdeacon of Wilts

Monday 15th December

7.30pm Village Carol Service



Next Saturday, 13th December, at 3.30pm Concert: The Romantic Piano



Reed Tetzloff, the internationally renowned New York pianist, is taking time out of his busy schedule to play at St John's. Not to be missed! This South Bank-quality concert will last roughly one hour and is followed by wine and 'meet the artist'. Tickets £15 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to the church.

Advent Boxes

Our Advent Boxes this year are for Salisbury Hospice, <https://www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk> Do please take a box and bring it back (full!) after Christmas.

Christmas Cheer

Thanks to your generosity over the last few years, we already have funds to help needy individuals or families in Tisbury to have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, so we don't need to ask for donations this year. Money will be distributed in time for Christmas.

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The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

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 for ever. Amen.

The Reading: Matthew 3.1-6

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said,

"Someone is shouting in the desert,
'Prepare a road for the Lord;
make a straight path for him to travel!'"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair; he wore a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. People came to him from Jerusalem, from the whole province of Judea, and from all over the country near the Jordan River. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan.

For your prayers

As Advent leads us to Christmas, we reflect on the different way it will be celebrated in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, and we pray for real peace there and across the whole of Sudan and South Sudan.

Please continue to pray for all parts of the world where there is conflict, especially for the Holy Land and for Ukraine. As we prepare for our celebration of the coming of the Prince of Peace, please pray that peace will come to the world.

A prayer from CAFOD for the second week of Advent:

Christ, come into our world of darkness. Light up our lives with your coming. Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth. Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world and to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.



St John's Charities Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the church Charities Fair in November. It was a gloomy, wet day brightened by a 'festive buzz of happiness with so many people attending' said one stall holder. We made over £1200 for the Church and we also supported charities such as Cress, which supports communities in South Sudan, Alzheimer's Research, Macmillan, Salisbury Hospice and SPANA, a global working animal charity. A big thank you to all the people who donated, made cakes and worked so hard to make the morning such a success as well as thanks to local shops and businesses who donated raffle prizes.

Trish and Sally



Crib Service

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Do come to our annual Crib Service and hear once again the familiar story of the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem, through readings and carols. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men so that those who wish can participate actively in the telling of the story. A great way to begin your celebration of Christmas!



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service (see above)
10.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

9.30am Parish Communion

