

Parish Press

Sunday December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10	Page (OT) 496
Psalms 72.1-7, 18-21	Page (OT) 415
Romans 15.4-13	Page 125
John 15.15	Page 84

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion Service followed by morning tea

5pm Choral Evensong followed by wine and cheese

“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:8-9

Mark's Reflection

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” — Mark 1:3

The voice of John the Baptist echoes through the wilderness once again, calling us to prepare the way for the coming King. His cry is as urgent now as it was two thousand years ago: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

The Second Sunday in Advent turns our hearts toward preparation. The first candle of Hope still burns brightly, and now we light the candle of Peace — a peace that comes not through comfort or complacency, but through repentance and renewal. Advent peace is not the absence of struggle, but the assurance of God's presence in the midst of it.

John's message is simple, yet profound. The path to God is not built with stones or sand, but with hearts made humble and lives made ready. To “prepare the way of the Lord” is to clear away all that hinders His coming — the pride, fear, and selfishness that clutter our souls.

In this sacred season, we are invited to turn again toward the light. We prepare not only for the remembrance of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, but for His coming among us even now — in word and sacrament, in prayer and silence, in the faces of those we serve.

The wilderness, so often a place of emptiness, becomes in Advent a place of promise. It is there, in the quiet and the waiting, that we hear God's voice most clearly.

As we journey through this season, may we find courage to listen, to turn, and to make room in our hearts for the One who brings true peace — Christ our Lord.

God Bless

Mark

Christmas Services 2025 - A Celebration of Hope

Service of Lessons and Carols - light refreshments to follow

- 7pm Sunday December 14

Christmas Eve

- 5.30pm Family Christmas Service. "The Nativity" with Carols

Midnight Mass with Carols

- 11.30pm (Carol singing from 11pm)

Christmas Day

- 9.30am Christmas Communion and Carols

Helpers Needed!

We would greatly appreciate if you could bring a plate of Christmas food to add to the supper after the Service of Lessons and Carols. We always receive comments about the lovely supper!

CHURCH FLOWERS.

As Christmas approaches, the flower team is asking for donations to cover the increasing costs of fresh flowers for our special services in 2026 and to update our silk flower resources. Please place your donations in an envelope with Church Flowers on the front and give it to me or Maureen Ireland. With thanks Sally James.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Joy Hayman, Mark, Paul Carver.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. George Harriss, Shirley Lewthian, Ernest Fish, John Fiddymont, Janet Morgan.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday

9.30-12.30pm Office Hours

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion
Service followed by
morning tea

Thursday

10am Prayer Service
9.30-12.30pm Office Hours
7.30-9.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy
Communion Service followed
by morning tea
**7pm Service of Lessons
and Carols - light
refreshments to follow**

Readings this week

Monday Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday Matthew 11.11-15
Friday Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday Matthew 17.10-13

Sunday

Isaiah 35.1-10
Song of Mary (APBA p. 31)
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

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