
Pew-sheet for Sunday 2nd November

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: Red

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

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10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St Nicholas, Potterspur

4.00pm Memory Day in Celtic

Footsteps at the church of St
Nicholas, Potterspur

Collect for today

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and
power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their
example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion prayer for today

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought
us near to an innumerable company
of angels and to the spirits of the
saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly
pilgrimage we have shared their
fellowship, so may we come to share
their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 1.10-18

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers
of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you
people of Gomorrah!

11 What to me is the multitude of your
sacrifices? says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of
rams and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or
of lambs, or of goats.

12 When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is
an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of
convocation— I cannot endure solemn
assemblies with iniquity.

14 Your new moons and your appointed
festivals my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me, I
am weary of bearing them.

15 When you stretch out your hands, I
will hide my eyes from you; even
though you make many prayers, I will
not listen; your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves
clean; remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

17 learn to do good; seek justice,
rescue the oppressed, defend the
orphan, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, let us argue it out, says
the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they
shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 19.1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, according to
Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 5th November

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Thursday 6th November

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Sunday 9th November

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9.00am Holy Communion at
Yardley Gobion

10.45am Remembrance service
at Cosgrove

10.45am Remembrance service
at Wicken

10.45am Act of Remembrance at
Potterspury

10.45am Act of Remembrance at
Yardley Gobion

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspur Daily around 9am to 5pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Wicken – please check noticeboard for who to contact if you wish to go into church.

What else is coming up?

- **Tue 4 Nov – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 4 Nov – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
 - **Thu 6 Nov – 10.30 - Coffee Morning** – Cosgrove (17 Main St)
 - **Sat 8 Nov – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** – Potterspur (with art exhibition and sale)
 - **Tue 11 Nov – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 11 Nov – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
 - **Sat 15 Nov – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion
 - **Tue 18 Nov – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 18 Nov – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 25 Nov – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 25 Nov – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
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Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Psalm 32.1-8

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.

6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

8 You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

Give us honest hearts, O God, and send your kindly Spirit to help us confess our sins and bring us the peace of your forgiveness; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Thessalonians 1

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing

abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. ⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. ⁶ For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marvelled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service.

You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.