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# Pew-sheet for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

## Advent Sunday

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### Today's services

#### *Liturgical Colour: Purple*

**8.00am Holy Communion** at the church of St Leonard, Yardley Gobion

**9.15am Morning Prayer** on Zoom and in the church of St Nicholas, Potterspury

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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**4.00pm Start of Advent event**

beginning at St Leonard's Yardley Gobion and culminating at the URC Chapel

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### *Collect for today*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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*

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

#### *First Reading: Romans 13.11-14*

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

#### *Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will

be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

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## [The coming week's services and prayer](#)

### [Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December](#)

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

### [Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December](#)

#### **5.00pm Meditation Prayer**

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

### [Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December](#)

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
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**10.00am Holy Communion** at  
Wicken

**4.00pm Celtic Footsteps** at  
Potterspurry, with guest speaker Rev.  
Rachel Kurkinen from the "Together  
in Peterborough Diocese" group.

## [Support for you](#)

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## [Church Buildings](#)

### **Our buildings are open at the following times:**

**Cosgrove** Daily 10am to 4pm

**Potterspurry** Daily around 9am until  
4pm, 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 in to  
church.

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## [What else is coming up?](#)

- **Tue 2 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurry
- **Tue 2 Dec – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurry
- **Fri 5 Dec – 19.00 – Pury Feast** – Potterspurry (Sold out)
- **Tue 9 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurry
- **Tue 9 Dec – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurry
- **Sat 13 Dec – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** – Potterspurry
- **Sat 13 Dec – 19.30 – Brave Marauders Christmas Concert** – Potterspurry
- **Tue 16 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspurry
- **Tue 16 Dec – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspurry
- **Sat 20 Dec – 10.30 - Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion

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### **Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday**

#### ***Isaiah 2.1-5***

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

- <sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of  
the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of  
the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth  
instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from  
Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into  
ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against  
nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

#### ***Psalms 122***

**How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts.**

1 I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

2 And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;

3 Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

**How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts.**

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'

7 'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

8 For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

**How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts.**

**God of our pilgrimage,  
bring us with joy to the eternal  
city**

**founded on the rock,  
and give to our earthly cities  
the peace that comes from above;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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.**