
Pew-sheet for Sunday 14th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: Purple

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St Leonard, Yardley
Gobion

5.00pm Carol Service at the
church of St John the Evangelist,
Wicken, followed by carol singing on
the Village Green

Collect for today

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your
messenger to prepare your way
before you:
grant that the ministers and
stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make
ready your way by turning the
hearts of the disobedient to the
wisdom of the just, that at your
second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable
people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the
Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion prayer for today

We give you thanks, O Lord, for
these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his
face;

who is alive and reigns now and for
ever.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: James 5.7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until
the coming of the Lord. The farmer
waits for the precious crop from the
earth, being patient with it until it
receives the early and the late
rains. ⁸ You also must be patient.
Strengthen your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord is
near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble
against one another, so that you
may not be judged. See, the Judge
is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an
example of suffering and patience,
beloved, ^[d] take the prophets who
spoke in the name of the Lord.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord

² When John heard in prison what
the Messiah^[a] was doing, he sent
word by his^[b] disciples ³ and said to
him, 'Are you the one who is to
come, or are we to wait for
another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them,
'Go and tell John what you hear and
see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, the lepers^[c] are
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead

are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone^[d] dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal

palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet?^[e] Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

[Wednesday 17th December](#)

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

[Thursday 18th December](#)

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

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

[Sunday 21st December](#)

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10.00am Holy Communion at Potterspury

4.00pm Welcome Christmas Carol service at Cosgrove

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Potterspury

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[Church Buildings](#)

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspury 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.

[What social, fundraising and outreach events are coming up?](#)

- **Tue 16 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
- **Tue 16 Dec – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspury

- **Sat 20 Dec – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion
- **Tue 23 Dec – 18.30 – Charity Carol Singing** – Yardley Gobion
- **Tue 6 Jan – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
- **Tue 6 Jan – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspury
- **Thu 8 Jan – 10.30 – Ruth's Coffee Morning** – Cosgrove (17 Main St)

If you would like to receive a copy of our free weekly newsletter by email, showing details of **all** our upcoming services and social events within the benefice, please drop us an email to admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk to be added to the distribution.

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.’
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless

sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalms 146.4-10

The Lord shall reign for ever.

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.
The Lord shall reign for ever.
7 The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;
9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, your
God, O Zion, throughout all
generations.

Alleluia.

The Lord shall reign for ever.

**Lord of all,
our breath and being come from
you,
yet our earthly end is dust;
as you loose the bound and feed
the hungry,
so bring us in your mercy through
the grave and gate of death
to the feast of eternal life,
where you reign for evermore.**

**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.**