

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Christingle Service	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Christmas Tree Festival "Christmas Traditions"	9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John's Church
<b>"Christmas with G &amp; T"</b> A Christmas Concert featuring Gary Bland and Tom Wakeley (alias Gavin Mole). Tickets £10 (£5 children) – includes light refreshments.	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Annual Toy Service (During the Main Parish Eucharist Service)	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
<b>"With Christmas in Mind".</b> A scratch choir event for anyone who wants to join with rehearsal of popular secular and religious Christmas songs, followed by a concert. To raise fund for the church. Details from Gavin Mole.	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00 pm for Rehearsal) (7:00 pm for Concert)	St. John's Church <i>To rehearse and sing £15. £10 to just attend the concert.</i>
Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Crib Service	Christmas Eve (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Midnight Mass of the Nativity	Christmas Eve (11:15 pm)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Christmas Day (10:00 am)	St. John's Church

## ONE CAN TRUST

One Can Trust are trying to create bags that enable families to make a nutritious meal. Soup is not needed, but all donations for the food cupboard are welcome. Sources of protein e.g., tinned meat, tinned fish, lentils etc. In addition, items such as tinned tomatoes and cook-in sauces will enable people can where possible prepare meals of their choice. We are being told that donations to the Trust have been down recently, but demand remains high. Any offerings that you can donate will be welcomed (we have a donations box outside the Church Porch). Thank you.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church, particularly if you are new to our congregation or are a visitor.

## WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Wearing masks in church is now optional except for the Lady chapel where we request that masks are still worn in this part of the Church. Please continue to maintain social distancing where possible and sanitise your hands. We are continuing to offer, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services. Reintroduction of the Common Cup will be considered again at a later time. The Lady Chapel area will continue to be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others and where masks will be worn. Please respect this. Where possible, we will be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We have now received the card reader so we will shortly be able to take cashless offerings during services / donations. Linked to this we also have a QR code for members of the congregation to donate via their Smartphone, which can be used as of now. You will need a QR reader App to use this. Thank you for however you choose to make your offering.



### Weekly Services:

#### SUNDAY

8:00 am In-church Said BCP Communion Service (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)  
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

#### TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

## FOCUS ON... THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

The Old Testament Prophets can be divided into the “writing Prophets” such as Isaiah, Daniel, Amos and Malachi; and the “non-writing Prophets” such as Abijah, Micaiah and Elisha. There are also some unnamed Prophets in the Old Testament including the Prophet mentioned in Judges 6:7-10. The Prophets came from a variety of backgrounds, they spoke to different audiences, possessed unique styles of exercising their ministry, and used a variety of methods including visual aids. Many of the Prophets are known to have utilised “enacted prophecy”. For instance, Ahijah took his new cloak and tore it into ten pieces in a prophecy foretelling the Kingship of Solomon (1 Kings 11:29-36). Micah wept and wailed, and went about barefoot and naked, to enact his identity with nations that would be driven into exile (Micah 1:8). His great contemporary Isaiah also enacted his concern for the people of God by appearing in the streets of Jerusalem for three years in the rags of a prisoner of war (Isaiah 20:1-6). And notably in the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel we see the constant use of forms of “enacted prophecy”; both these great Prophets being involved with the closing stages of the Kingdom of Judah, and the exile of God’s people in Babylon. These ancient Prophets often had a hard life. Isaiah was sent to a people “ever hearing but never understanding” (Isaiah 6:9) and, according to tradition, he was eventually murdered. Ezekiel ministered to a “rebellious people” (Ezekiel 12:2). As Queen of Israel, Jezebel sought to take Elijah’s life (1 Kings 19:2). Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern where he “sank down into the mud” (Jeremiah 38:6). Jesus spoke of Jerusalem as those “who kill the Prophets and stone those sent to them” (Luke 13:34). The role of Old Testament Prophet reached its consummation in the person of John the Baptist, who was predicted in Malachi 4:5 (cf. Luke 7:26–27); and in Jesus Christ, who was the Prophet “like Moses” predicted in Deuteronomy 18:15 (cf. Acts 3:22).

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> 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.



## READINGS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah Ch. 11 VV. 1 – 10  
Romans Ch. 15 VV. 4 – 13

Matthew Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 12

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, as we enter the season of Advent, direct our hearts, minds and Spirits to be aware of the true reason for Christmas. You gave us your only Son to enter this world as a baby, and to be a Saviour for all. We offer you thanks and Praise for this greatest gift of all. Allow us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to be courageous in spreading Your Holy word, and keep us strong in Faith. We thank you for your protection, guidance, and love every day of our lives, Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## *This Week you are Asked to Pray for:*

- Those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Sally Zeybek, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb, Lila King, Rita Probert, Rev Nancy Wallace, Roger Hussey and Dick Field. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Gordon Gray and George Locke. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for Margaret and her family and the family of George together with their friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- We pray for our Government that they will lead wisely and fairly for all.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them. Particularly praying for countries where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope.
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary’s Kuruman.