PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thank you for coming to church today, for choosing to worship God. You are most welcome in St. John's Church today. Refreshments are available after the service, please join us.



<u>TODAY</u> Mark Ch. 13 VV. 24 – 37. <u>NEXT WEEK</u> Isaiah Ch. 40 VV. 1 – 11. 2 Peter Ch. 3 VV. 8 – 15a. Mark Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 8.

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COLLECT

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



PRAYER NOTES

- [†] The sick of this parish and those people known to us who need His grace: Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay and Mary Mines.
- † Justice, mercy and grace for migrants. Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger.
- **†** Resolution for the peoples of the Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Nigeria, and peace in Gaza and Turkey.
- † Peace, healing and mercy for the people of Syria.
- † Our mission and ministry in the community.
- † Thanks for our church community and our shared faith.
- † May communities of all faiths bring understanding that you call for love and peace, never hatred.
- † Thanks for Junior Church and its leaders.

WORSHIP IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

TODAY	
8:00 am	Said communion using BCP
10:00 am	All age communion and Christingle
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	Said communion

Toy Service

NEXT SUNDAY - 10th December

Please bring new, unwrapped presents for children that will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Worship in St John's – Advent and Christmas

Today	3pm	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 10 th Dec	10am	Toy Service
Sunday 17 th Dec	6pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 24 th Dec	3.30pm	Crib Service with Shepherd Little
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity
Monday 25 th Dec	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion with Carols
Tuesday 27 th Dec	9.30am	St John the Evangelist

Shepherd Little

This year, the Junior Church children will be taking the lead in our Crib Service on Christmas Eve with the Nativity story of Shepherd Little written by Sara Ridgley and Gavin Mole. If you know any children who would like to take part then just come to the Crib Service dressed as a shepherd, a king, an angel, a star or a camel! The only other thing you need to bring is your singing voice and either gold, frankincense or myrrh (well, every church needs to raise funds!)

