This Week

Wednesday 4th December 2024 10 am – Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

The World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East.

The Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Mathew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel, Revd Paul and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

The Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.

The street of our Parish – the residents of The Rise.

The Sick

Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies
Geoff & Hazel Gee, Jake, Richard Makinson and any one
close to our own hearts.

The Anniversary of Death

David Green, Marion Heap, Kitty Story, Anne Davies.

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits after the 9.30 service in the Church Hall.

St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 1st December 2024 First Sunday of Advent

8.00 am. - Holy Communion 9.30 am. - Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

Processional First Reading	140	Come, thou long-expected Jesus Jeremiah 33.14-16
Second Reading Gradual	535	1 Thessalonians 3.9-end O come, O come, Emmanuel
Gospel Reading Offertory	19	Luke 21.25-36 All my hope on God is founded
Communion Communion	156 61	Do not be afraid Be still and know that I am God
Final	449	Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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.

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Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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.

Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.

## **Notices**

### **December Services**

Advent Service – Zion Methodist Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Carol Service - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Christingle Service – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm Midnight Communion – St Thomas Leesfield 11.30pm Christmas Day – 10am Communion.

#### Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for:
Church Wardens
PCC Members
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Sunday School Teachers

If you feel you can help to fill any of these vacancies or know of anyone who you think may be able to, please see any member of the PCC.



Including Fair Trade Stall.

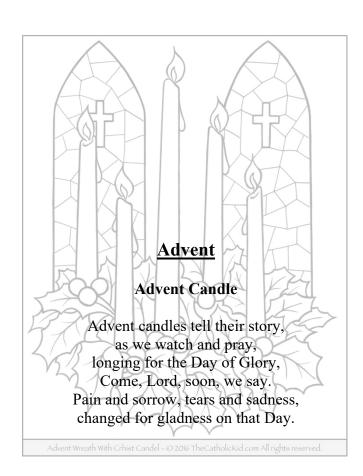
## **Message from Dave Bussey**

"We are currently doing small plumbing and electrical repairs on a voluntary basis (nothing too big) if the parishioner's need any assistance." - Please see Eddie Baines for further details.

### A Prayer for Peace this Advent

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world, the hope of the nations, and the peace of those who turn to you. As we prepare to celebrate your birth at Christmas, shine your light into our lives, bring healing to your world, and let peace break out in every heart and home. May our hearts be filled with your love and our mouths filled with the song of heaven: Glory be to you, our King, and peace to all people on the earth!

Amen





"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." – Philippians 4:8, NIV