

## This Week

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Ivy Green Drive.

#### The Sick

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

#### The Anniversary of Death

Hilda Cooper, James MaKinde, Cyril Ranson, Trevor Styles, Sarah Jones.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am. - Holy Communion

9.30 am. - Holy Communion

### Readings & Hymns

<b>Processional</b>	491	Love divine, all loves excelling
<b>First Reading</b>		Baruch 5
<b>Second Reading</b>		Philippians 1.3-11
<b>Gradual</b>	589	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
<b>Gospel Reading</b>		Luke 3.1-6
<b>Offertory</b>	447	Little donkey, little donkey
<b>Communion</b>	91	Brother, sister let me serve you
<b>Communion</b>	398	Jesus, remember me..
<b>Final</b>	451	Long ago, prophets knew

### Collect

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.



Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### Post Communion Prayer

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.

*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.

### **Poinsettia**

We will be decorating the Church with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to these in memory of loved ones, please complete the slip at the back of Church and hand in with your donation to Treasurer or any PCC member. Thank you.



### **Christmas Fair**

As a result of everybody's hard work, the Christmas fair raised £1,853.60 to help with the running of the Church & Church Hall.

Thank you all.

### **Vacancies**

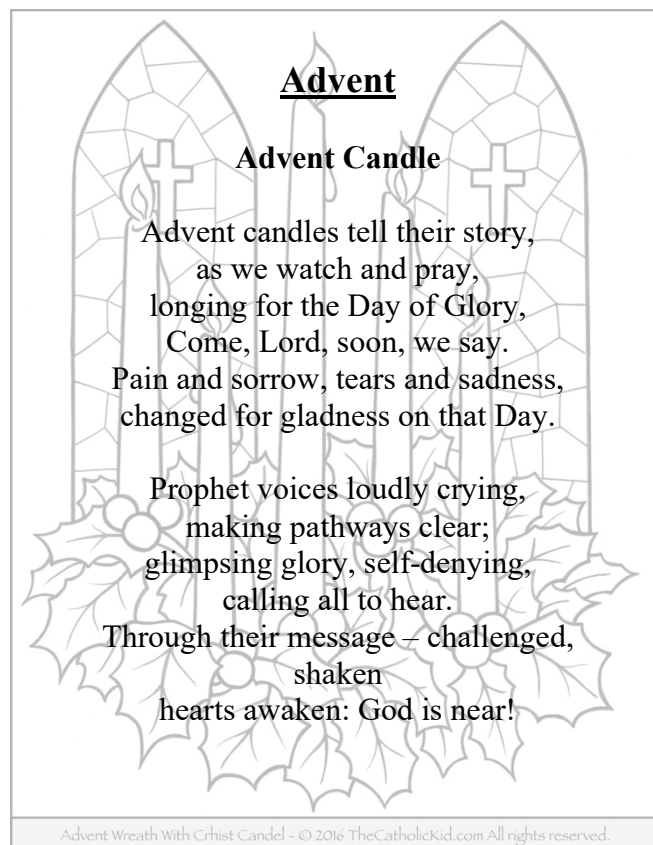
We currently have vacancies for:  
Church Wardens  
PCC Members  
Deanery Synod Representative  
Sunday School Teachers

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.

### **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**



“If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity, and their years in contentment.”  
– Job 36:11, NIV