

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

1ST AND 2ND SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

1ST AND 8TH DECEMBER 2024

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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Collect, readings & hymns for 1st Sunday of Advent, 1st December

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.**

Readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16
Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
15 The Lord will come and not be slow,
16 Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
501 Advent Prose
7 Hills of the North, rejoice,

Gospel:

Luke 21: 25 – 36

Collect, readings & hymns for 2nd Sunday of Advent, 8th December

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. **Amen.**

Readings:

Baruch 5: 1 – 9
Philippians 1: 3 – 11

Hymns: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

484 Long ago, prophets knew
384 Lo, in the wilderness a voice
24 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
501 (NEH) Advent Prose
26 O come, O come, Emmanuel,

Gospel:

Luke 3: 1 – 6

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Paul Kimmett, Sarah Coxon, Jane Park, Cathy West, Hazel Welsh, Lucy Proctor, Fr Gavin, Rabija, Catherine, Chris.

Wednesday Prayer list: Rocco Allan, Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Deborah Henderson, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Maureen, Alice, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 1st December: Charles Nicholson, Catherine Reid, Belle Charles, Joseph Leftwich, Douglas Turner, David Martin, Doris Taylor, Malcolm Watson, Arthur Hardy, Delia Milbourne, Rena Robson, Ivy Marshall

Week beginning 8th December: Arthur Jepson, Doris McKenzie, Robert Thompson, Neil Watson, William Clark, Ivy Liles, Gwen Smith, Winnie Paul, Ruth Laming, Winnie Johnson, Mavis Secker, Susie Brett, Margaret Hunter, Jean Phillips

Prayer intentions for week commencing 1st December		
Sun 1	1st Sunday of Advent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 2	Of the day	<i>Addiction Awareness Week.</i>
Tue 3	Of the day	<i>Pastoral Care</i>
Wed 4	Of the day	<i>Migrants and refugees</i>
Thur 5	Of the day	<i>Community Christmas Tree Festival</i>
Fri 6	St Nicholas	<i>Non-Residentiary Canons</i>
Sat 7	St Ambrose	<i>Watching and Waiting: a journey through Advent</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 8th December		
Sun 8	2nd Sunday of Advent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 9	Of the day	<i>Local Care Homes</i>
Tue 10	Of the day	<i>Amnesty International</i>
Wed 11	Of the day	<i>Those working in retail</i>
Thur 12	Of the day	<i>Royal Mail employees</i>
Fri 13	St Lucy	<i>Carers</i>
Sat 14	St John of the Cross	<i>Watching and Waiting Advent course</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

Morning Prayer at St Paul's: Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's Saturday at 9.30am
St Paul's open for private prayer: Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 1 st Dec	1 st Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong 6pm
Wednesday 4 th Dec		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 8 th Dec	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Community Carol service 4pm
Wednesday 11 th Dec		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 15 th Dec	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Quiet Christmas 6pm

Dates for your diary

Fiesta Whitley Bay	Sunday December 1 st 11am to 3pm
Christmas Tree Festival	Thursday 5 th December 3pm - 6pm <i>Opening ceremony Thursday 5th at 4pm</i> Friday 6 th December 3pm - 6pm Saturday 7 th December 10am - 5pm Sunday 8 th December 11am – 4pm <i>Community carol service Sunday 8th at 4pm</i>
Advent course: <i>Watching and Waiting</i>	Saturdays 12 noon to 1.30pm 7 th Dec at St Mary's, 14 th Dec at St Paul's, 21 st Dec at St Peter's
Walk in Nativity	Monday 23 rd December 10am to 1pm

Christmas services at St Paul's

Community Carol service	Sunday 8 th December at 4pm
Quiet Christmas	Sunday 15 th December at 6pm
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Sunday 22 nd December at 6pm
Crib service	Tuesday 24 th December at 3pm
Midnight Mass	Tuesday 24 th December at 11pm
Christmas Day Holy Communion	Wednesday 25 th December at 8.30am
Christmas Day Eucharist	Wednesday 25 th December at 10am

Notices

Fiesta Whitley Bay: Fiesta will be held in St Paul's church and grounds and Whitley Bay shopping centre on Sunday 1st December from 11am till 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this community event – lots of fun, stalls, music, activities and refreshments.

Watching and Waiting Advent course: a journey through Advent with Whitley Bay and Monkseaton churches. We will meet every Saturday during Advent from 12 noon to 1.30pm. A shared soup lunch will be followed by a reflection on the Collects for the season of Advent. Meeting on:

7th December at St Mary's, Monkseaton
14th December at St Paul's, Whitley Bay
21st December at St Peter's, Monkseaton (followed by the Eucharist)

Community Christmas Tree Festival: the festival will be held at St Paul's from Thursday 5th Dec to Sunday 8th Dec when the church will be filled with trees decorated by local community groups, businesses, schools and voluntary organisations. The festival will be officially opened at 4pm on Dec 5th and will end on Sunday Dec 8th with a community carol service beginning at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in to see the trees on:

Thursday 5th Dec 3pm to 6pm with opening ceremony at 4pm
Friday 6th Dec 3pm to 6pm
Saturday 7th Dec 10am to 5pm
Sunday 8th Dec 11am to 4pm closing with Community Carol service at 4pm

Quiet Christmas: a reflective service for those who find Christmas difficult will be held on Sunday December 15th at 6pm.

Walk-In Nativity at St Paul's: our Walk-In Nativity returns this year on Monday 23rd December 10am to 1pm. Families can follow a trail around the church, finding out about and collecting people from the Nativity story through craft activities, music and even dressing up to take a selfie with Jesus. At the end, you can leave a prayer on the prayer tree. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

Flowers in church this week have been donated by Sue Day in memory of her daughter, Catherine.

Flower Guild: There is a box at the back of church for donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers. Thank you.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 13th December 2024*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.co