



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

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## 10 December 2017, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM "Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help."**

**PLEASE PRAY** for all whose anniversary occurs at this time including Margaret Thomas, Sydney Bown, Anna Rossiter, Philomena Fitzgeorge-Parker, Lilian Thorne and Percival Cox.. May they rest in peace. Please pray too for **Iola Rayment**, formerly of this parish, who has died. Her funeral will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Oakhill on Friday 15th December at 11.30am (family only at the crematorium), but please join the family afterwards for refreshment at Ashwick Church Rooms.

### A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – THIS YEAR IS A YEAR OF MISSION

Between today and Advent 2018 we will listen to the whole of the Gospel of St Mark. Mark gives his Gospel a title: 'The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.' That title is often misunderstood and taken as the first sentence. But for Mark the whole of what he is to write about Jesus - his life, his birth, death and Resurrection - is just the beginning of the Good News, the Gospel. That is very important because when we come to the Resurrection we have just begun to tell the story of Christ. Our mission is to continue the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we do that when we bear witness to our faith in word and in deed.

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – watch, prepare, behold, rejoice!

Christians Together in Shepton Mallet have arranged for four Bible Study meetings during Advent, each at 8pm in the Parish Room. The remaining dates are Tuesdays, December 12th and 19th. What better way to prepare for Christmas? Refreshments available.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Many thanks for those who have enrolled their children. If there are any more, then please speak to Fr Bede or contact him by email on [bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com)

### CONFIRMATION

I am also now collecting names of young adults 13+ who wish to be confirmed. At the moment, I just need names and contact details, then I will put together the course and the confirmation date. Please contact me on [bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com) Fr Bede

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service at St Michaels on Monday, 11th December, at 7pm. Another will take place at Glastonbury on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm.

### 100 CLUB

The December Draw for the 100 Club will take place next Sunday after Mass in the parish room, and will include the Bonus Draw for Christmas. Subscriptions are due in January for 2018, just £12 for the year, or £13 if you are a new subscriber. Please see Julia to be sure your number(s) go in the drum in 2018.

### BICYCLE

Have you left a bicycle against the south side of the church? If it's not claimed it will be removed soon.



### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK 10 – 17 December 2017

Sun Second Sunday of Advent, Year B (*Bernadette Tully RIP*)  
Mon Weekday of Advent  
Tue Weekday of Advent  
Wed St Lucy  
Thur St John of the Cross  
Fri Weekday of Advent (*Thanksgiving for Glaxys passing driving test*)  
Sat Weekday of Advent  
Sun Third Sunday of Advent

Mass at 9.00am  
Penitential Service at 7.00pm  
Mass at 9.15am  
No Service  
No Service  
Mass at 9.15am  
No Service  
Mass at 9.00am

*Sunday Mass at St Mary's, Glastonbury, Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am and 6.00pm (Latin).*

### FROM THE ROTAS

#### TODAY 10 December

**The Eucharist** Dcn Richard, D Barnes, C Davies

**The Word** Michael Smith, Caroline Hutton

**Coffee** Tia Edwards

#### THIS WEEK AND NEXT SUNDAY :11-17 December

**Cleaning** Alice Bevan & helpers

**Flowers** No flowers in Advent

**Welcome** Denis Barnes

**The Word** Liz Green, Rhona Carr

**The Eucharist** Dcn Richard, C Rossiter, T Horten-Smith

**Coffee** Jean Rowland and helpers

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last Sunday = £175.68 (incl. £15.00 Gift Aided) Thank you.

**TODAY** there will be a retiring collection for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. All flower arrangers are asked to please meet at 10am on Sunday 24th to help prepare the displays. Thank you.

### PARISH DIARY

Mon 11 Dec 7pm **Penitential Service** in church

Tue 12 Dec 8pm Christians Together Advent Bible Study in the parish room.

Wed 13 Dec 7pm Legion of Mary meeting in the parish room.

### PATHWAY

The Pathway Shop will be open today after Mass, the last time before Christmas. Don't miss this opportunity to buy those religious Christmas cards and gifts, including the Sunday Missal.

### FUNDRAISING IN 2018

Fundraising is an important part of parish life, not just financially, but socially too. In January (date to be agreed) we shall have a little get together to pool ideas for the coming year, so please think about what events you would like to see happen, and better still, what you might be able to help organise. *Jacky*

### ACTION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Bishop Declan writes: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to u-turn on their promise. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

### ADVENT RETREAT AT BROWNSHILL

Monastery of Our Lady and St. Bernard, Brownhill, Stroud, GL6 8AL.

Wednesday December 13th from 4pm till Friday December 15th 2pm, Advent Retreat

"Prayer with the O anthipons" What are they, how do they help us enter more deeply into the readings of the season? ( suggested offering £85, full board) more information on 01453 883084.

**Bulletin News** Please send any items for inclusion by the Thursday before publication to Jacky Tucker 01749 830695, email: [jax.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:jax.tucker@btinternet.com)

**Gift Aid it** If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or understand it better, please contact Julia Yardley, Parish Treasurer, tel: 01749 831435