

All Saints' North Hillingdon
15th Dec 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent



Previously Zephaniah explained the nation was in a mess because of their idolatry and corruption. Now he says 'rejoice' as God promises his grace to forgive & save them. He tells them not to fear as he himself will come to gather them, and bring them home from exile. He will love them, remove their shame, welcome in the outcasts, and restore their fortunes. Zephaniah's prophecy came true in of the coming of Jesus, 2000 years ago, and is also true today, for nations and us individually. Rejoice! Sing aloud! This Advent God comes not to judge us, but give us grace. We are saved, forgiven, loved, our shame taken away, and welcomed into God's family today.

HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

- Gathering 15** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Advent candle song verse 3 (see below)
- Gradual 12** Lo! He comes with clouds v1,4
- Offertory 14** O come, O come, Emmanuel
- Comm'n 20** This is the truth
- Sending 8** Go tell it on the mountain

Advent candle Carol verse 3:

John the Baptist, by his preaching
 And by water poured,
 Brought to those who heard his teaching
 News of hope restored:
 'Keep your vision strong and steady,
 And be ready for the Lord.'

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 10am Service in Church	10:30 Cake, Coffee and Chat in Hall
Please invite people to our Christmas Services: Sun 15 th Dec 5pm - Carol Service + refreshments Sun 22 nd Dec 5pm – Christingle Tue 24 th Dec 11:15pm - Midnight Mass Wed 25 th Dec 10am - Christmas Day	
Sun 29 th Dec - 10am service only	Rev Michael Bolle (no 8am)
Wed 1 st Jan; no service	Wed services will resume from 8 th Jan

GIVING/ BOILER UPDATE

Our 40-year-old boiler is no longer serviceable. A new heating system will cost around £30,000. It would warm our hearts and bodies if you would consider increasing your weekly offering, or giving a one-off donation to:

"All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church"

Sort Code: 20-89-16 a/c number: 00107344
 (please fill in a gift-aid form so we can re-claim tax)

DONATIONS WANTED; Boxes at rear of church

The **Food Bank** welcomes all donations e.g: Cereal, tins (soup, meat, veg, fruit), pasta, rice, tea, coffee, Biscuits and UHT milk.

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers;

Mark Callaghan, Michael Worrell, Simon Matthews, David Rance, the Hamlin family, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Linette & Barry Coombs, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor. **May they know his grace, strength, blessing, healing and salvation.**

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We give thanks for the lives of who have died around this time: *Julie Peabody, Barry Woods, Florence Adaway, Herbert Shewry, Fredrick Panniffer, Bessie Hearne, Ethel (Kitty) Trett, Pat Johnson, Resta Deans, Ellen Parslow.*

Call for MAGAZINE EDITORS and CONTENT

We are still looking for a permanent editor for the church magazine, so if anyone feels inspired to edit or contribute articles, let us know.

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, home communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 01895 262024 ulricgerry@icloud.com

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COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at your first coming sent your
 messenger
 to prepare your way before you:
 grant that the ministers and stewards
 of your mysteries
 may likewise so prepare and make
 ready your way
 by turning the hearts of the
 disobedient to the wisdom of
 the just,
 that at your second coming to judge
 the world
 we may be found an acceptable
 people in your sight;
 for you are alive and reign with the
 Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Psalm 146:4-end**

R *The Lord shall reign for ever.*

Happy are those who have the God of
 Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
 Who made heaven and earth,
 the sea and all that is in them;
 who keeps his promise for ever;
 Who gives justice to those that suffer
 wrong
 and bread to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord looses those that are bound;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
 The Lord lifts up those who are
 bowed down;
 the Lord loves the righteous; **R**

The Lord watches over the stranger in
 the land;
 he upholds the orphan and widow;
 but the way of the wicked he turns
 upside down.
 The Lord shall reign for ever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all
 generations. Alleluia. **R**

Or **Isaiah 12:2-end**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy

of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his face;
 who is alive and reigns now and for
 ever.



The Lord shall reign for ever.