

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATION

Monday 25 November – Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century; Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748
Psalm 96; Isaiah 40 1-11; Revelation 14. 1-13

Tuesday 26 November

Psalm 97; Isaiah 40. 12-26; Revelation 14. 14-end of 15

Wednesday 27 November

Psalm 112; Isaiah 40.27-41.7; Revelation 16. 1-11

Thursday 28 November

Psalm 125; Isaiah 41. 8-20; Revelation 16. 12-end

Friday 29 November

Psalm 139; Isaiah 41.21-42.9; Revelation 17

Saturday 30 November – ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Psalm 146; Zechariah 8.20-end; John 12.20-32

Sunday 1 December – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalm 44; Isaiah 51. 4-11; Romans 1. 11-end

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Part of the Mission Community of
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Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT U CAN SUNDAY

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| 8.00 am | SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 9.30 am | MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Wedding Blessing for Nigel and Jenny Chick
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 11.15am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE |
| | SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 9.30 am | ADVENT MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND
JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover |
| 11.15 am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE |
| 4.15pm | TEA FOLLOWED BY 5 PARISH CANDLELIT ADVENT
SERVICE
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 25	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Hazel Bowden's
Wed 27	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 28	7.30 pm Advent Reflections 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 29	11.15 am-1.00 pm Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 30	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 11.00 am Nativity practice 4.00 pm Memorial Service for Margaret Allen
Sun 1 Dec	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter 1.00 pm Baptism of Grace Kemp 4.15 pm Tea followed by 5 Parish Advent Service

PRAYERS

Please remember the following church family in your prayers: John Day, Marian Johns, Roger Phillips, and Alan Power.

Also, the family and friends of Margaret Allen ahead of her Memorial Service next week.

UCAN SUNDAY TODAY

We would be grateful for donations of food (tins, packets etc) or money, which is used to keep a store cupboard in church to enable us to help those in need.

5 PARISH CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE ON SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

Please come and join us for our special 5 Parish Candlelit Advent Service next Sunday.

The service starts at 5 pm, but there will be a tea from 4.15 pm.

We would be very grateful for any cakes, biscuits or savouries people can contribute.

CHRISTMAS HOLY GROUNDS WILL BE ON 14 DECEMBER from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, when we will have the usual lovely coffee and cake. We will also be able to join our Treblemakers singing carols at 10.40 am.

As it will be the Bideford Victorian Christmas Frost Fair all day in town, feel free to join in the fun and dress like a Victorian!

As part of the Frost Fair in Bideford Emily, our Youth Worker, has organised a Christmas Craft fair from 2 – 6 pm where there will be craft stalls and gift ideas. There will also be tea, coffee and cakes from 2-4 pm.

CHRISTMAS FRIDAY DINER 20TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas Friday Diner will be on 20 December, and we would like to give out the usual gift bags to those coming to the Diner. We would be grateful for donations of new socks, for men and women, that we can give out in the bags. There will be a box at the back of the church for all your donations. Thank you, on behalf of the Friday Diner Team

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

THE FIRST READING - Revelation 1 4b - 8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

THE SECOND READING -John 18. 33 - 37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'