



Notices for 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2024

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

*A warm welcome to everyone;  
please come into the hall for refreshments after the service.*

### **Collect:**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Hymns:**

- 444** God is working his purpose out
- 362** Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
- 581** Take my life and let it be
- 279** And now O Father mindful of the love
- 538** O Jesus I have promised

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith for ever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

## **Mark 13.1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

### **Post-communion prayer:**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## **Vacancy Notices and Dates - Any questions Dan & Peter**

**Vacancy Plans** – Following a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October with Bishop Paul, Archdeacon Martin and Area Dean Rosemary, it is decided that we keep the advert open in Dec/Jan for a closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Shortlisting on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb for formal interview on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Visiting Clergy** – A number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship over the coming months, including Ether Hunt at 09:30 on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, and Mat Ineson (Guildford Mission Enabler Lead) at 09:30 on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**8am SERVICES will be held only once a month** on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

## Dates for your diary

The great Christmas postcard drop! If you have delivered in the past, please can we have your help again plus anymore volunteers would be very much appreciated. Piles of the cards are on the table at the back of the Church.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** The Women's Group will be having a treat! Alison Shaw (who some of you may know from Guiding locally) has her own business as a cake maker and decorator. She is coming to talk to us and demonstrate her skills and we will be able to have a go at decorating, too. We meet at 10am for coffee and cake and aim to finish by 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you!

**This Thursday, 21st November THURSDAY CLUB**, we shall be going to Squires Garden Centre for some Christmas shopping and afternoon tea. Lifts can be provided. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

**Christmas Fair 24 November 11am-1pm**

**We urgently need:**

bottles for the bottle stall

homemade craft items

unwanted gifts

cakes (nearer the time)

**Please leave these at the back of the Church. Thank you.**

**Sunday 1st Dec – Gift Day for Quinquennial Expenditure**

*Enquiries: Peter Harvey and David Eames.*

**Sunday 1st December 7pm Epsom and Ewell Silver Band Christmas concert**

at St. Mary's Church, The Avenue, Worcester Park. Tickets are £10, free for under 16's, including tea/coffee and a mince pie. Tickets are available from the Vale Rd G&A Express Newsagent or Wendy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** are the next session of **Knit and Natter** in The Leverton Room at 7.30pm.

*We're already planning our Christmas services, and this will include a Carol Service on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @6:30pm**, and a Christingle Crib Service on **Christmas Eve at 4pm**. Good to note these in your diaries! Details of our full Advent and Christmas programme will follow nearer the time.*