



# St Mary's Church

## Prestwich

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Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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### 8.00am –Eucharist

**President & Preacher:** Rev'd Adele McKie  
**Deacon:** Fr Shaun Conlon

### 10.30am – Said Common Worship Eucharist

<b>President:</b>	Fr Shaun Conlon	Rev'd Carole is covering the morning service at All Saints, Stand, this week.
<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev'd Adele McKie	
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rev'd Adele McKie	
<b>Organist:</b>	Gary Hulme	
<b>Music before the Service:</b>	Adagio in A minor - Noel Ponsoyby (Op 4/2)	
<b>Reader:</b>	Alex Holmes	
<b>Gospeller:</b>	Fr Shaun Conlon	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Jo Conchie	
<b>Altar Preparation:</b>	Prelude 'Lord Christ, God's only Son' - J.S. Bach (BWV601)	
<b>Communion:</b>	<i>Hymn:</i> Thy Kingdom come... <i>Anthem:</i> E'en so, Lord Jesus - Paul Manz	
<b>Final Voluntary:</b>	Prelude and Fugue in E minor - J.S. Bach (BWV533)	

Also, we hope there will be some family worship in church on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, although details are still to be finalised: please keep an eye out for more information. This will also require booking in.

## School Admissions Policy

The attendance at St Mary's public worship register will re-open on Sunday 6th December 2020. It is the parent / guardian's responsibility to ensure that attendance is recorded by St Mary's Church using the official channels on the day of attendance.

In addition to the weekly 8am and 10.30am Sunday Services, please note extra services for Christmas on the previous column of this newsletter and the usual booking-in procedures with Susie. St Mary's church will record any oversubscription requests and will prioritise for the next service.

The total number of attendances required for category 3 applications to St Mary's for September 2021 will be based upon 35% of the total number of weeks that St Mary's Church was open for public worship (as defined by guidance from The Church of England and Diocese of Manchester) within the calendar year of 2020 (rounded down to the nearest whole number), as per the amended admissions policy published on the school website (September 2020). This will equate to 5 attendances for the 2020 register. Only one attendance per week (Sunday to Saturday) is eligible.

If you have no attendances recorded on the St Mary's Church records at present (ie prior to the first national lockdown in March 2020), then any attendances during December will not enable you to meet the required number of 5 for category 3 allocation for the 2021 admissions year.

Attendance registers for 2022 admissions open on January 1st 2021.

## Advent 2020

This year we will be running our Advent group by Zoom.

The group will meet for an hour on a Friday evening starting at 7.30pm for the first three weeks of December to continue with the exploration of 'Signs of Life' that we began during Lent.

This is just as, if not more, relevant during this time of pandemic as it ever was. It does not matter whether you were involved last time as the topic each week stands alone. So everybody is invited to join us.

A leaflet is attached with information. If you are interested in joining on either 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> December, please get in touch with Rev'd Carole either by email - [caroleabarnet@gmail.com](mailto:caroleabarnet@gmail.com) - or by phone on 0161 766 2774. Zoom joining details will then be sent round nearer the time.

A number of Advent and Christmas resources for young people will be posted on the Diocese of Manchester Youth Work Resources Facebook page. Similarly, resources for children and families will be posted on the Diocese of Children and Family Resources Facebook page and the Padlet page. <https://padlet.com/karenbeal/c5xlb3i02dw55c9h>

## Sunday Worship resumes

Following the end of the latest lockdown, Churches can open again for collective worship and other services (Baptisms, weddings etc). The regulations and restrictions for these remain the same as pre-November and so the procedure for booking in, where to sit, taking communion etc remains unchanged to what it was when we last worshipped together in October. If you have any questions please contact one of the clergy team or the churchwardens.

## Extra Services for Christmas

In addition to the usual Sunday services at 8.00am & 10.30am, there are a number of additional services planned for this month. Booking in for all these services will be on a first come, first served basis until our numbers capacity is reached. You can book in by contacting Susie Mapledoram at [susiemapledoram@googlemail.com](mailto:susiemapledoram@googlemail.com)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - 6.00pm**

Nine Lessons and Choir Carols

**Christmas Eve - 11.30pm**

Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day - 10.30am**

Eucharist

**St Stephen (Boxing Day) – 9.30am**

Short Said Eucharist

**Holy Innocents (28<sup>th</sup>) – 9.30am**

Short Said Eucharist



**Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers:** Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, Nigel Birtwistle, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Andrew Hardman, Helen Hicks, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi

**We remember Alan Pickavance - whose anniversary falls on 5<sup>th</sup> December - forever in the hearts of his wife Ann, and his family & friends.**



**Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge**

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## Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

### Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### A reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 40.1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### A reading from the second letter of Peter

#### *2 Peter 3.8-15a*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then

the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, ...

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

#### *Mark 1.1-8*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.