

Christmas Worship Schedule



Next Sunday 19th

11.00 a.m. **Christmas Worship with
Carols & Readings** (Canon Ken)
(Christmas Jumper Day)



Christmas Day

11.00 a.m. **Family Communion** (Canon Ken)

Boxing Day

11.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** (Jim Neill)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Billy, Libby, Jean, Julie, Derek & Jean and Jean's sister Maureen

SENIOR MEMBERS RESIDENT IN CARE HOMES

Nan, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally, Violet, June & Alec

**We also remember in our prayers today Ina Annette & family
following the passing of Ina's Husband Jim.**

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St Aidan's Parish Church
Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving
God by Serving 'Christ in the Community'
Sunday 12th December 2021 3rd Sunday in Advent

Call to Worship

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. **Alleluia, alleluia.**



Lighting of the 3rd candle on our Advent Wreath

We have lit the first two candles, one for **hope** and one for **peace**.
Today we light the third candle, the candle of **joy**. This should be the
easy one, especially at this joyful season. But how often do we let our
preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side?
Joy has its root in the hope and peace we find in living a Christ-centred
life. So it is appropriate that we light the joy candle because, in the
words of Isaiah, "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the
mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all
the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

(The 3rd Candle is lit)

Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice
For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

**We will find what makes us joyful,
And make that our gift to the world.**

Trust in God's good will for all of creation
and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

**We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.
We will offer ourselves to God's goodness.**

We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy. Amen.

Our Hymns today are 77 'This day at thy creating word'
126 'Hark a thrilling voice is sounding'
294 'Come down O love Devine'
143 'Waken O sleeper, wake and rise'

Service of Morning Prayer as per Book of Common Prayer page 101

Collects of the day

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 146.4-10

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;

9 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.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Bible Reading

Luke 3: 7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear 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. ⁹Even 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.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers 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.'

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,^{*} ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize 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 baptize you with^{*} the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His 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.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.