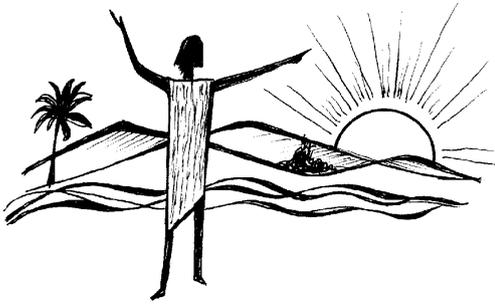


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Welcome!

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9th December – Second Sunday of Advent

Collect of the Day

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together
with the overseers and deacons:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all
my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy
because of your partnership in the gospel from the
first day until now, being confident of this, that he
who began a good work in you will carry it on to
completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you,
since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in
chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of
you share in God's grace with me. God can testify
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ
Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound
more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
so that you may be able to discern what is best and
may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of
God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor
Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of
Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his
brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and
Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during
the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the
word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the
wilderness. He went into all the region around the
Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins, 'as it is written in the book of
the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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. **Amen.**

For access to the **Emergency Prayer Chain** or to activate the **Pastoral Care Team**, please contact Judith or John Hargreaves (01629) 312165, or 07922-004-930

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 10 th		
Tuesday 11 th	1.30pm	Tots and Teds
Wednesday 12 th	10.15am	Wednesday Women's Home Group - Gritstone Cottage, North Church Street, Bakewell. Contact: Jane Proctor 01629 258911.
Thursday 13 th		<i>Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304</i> <i>Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784</i>
	9.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	St Anselm's Carol Service (rehearsal at 2pm)
	7.00pm	Opening Service Christmas Tree Festival
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Friday 14 th		<i>John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591</i>
Saturday 15 th	2.00pm	Town Nativity
	3.00pm	Blessing of the Crib

Services in this benefice next Sunday 16th December

9.45am	Parish Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Ashford in the Water
11.00am	Parish Fusion Eucharist at All Saints, Bakewell
2.30pm	Carol Service at St Katherine's, Rowsley
6.00pm	Taize Service at All Saints, Bakewell

We support **The High Peak food bank**

Bakewell Town Nativity – starting in the churchyard - Saturday 15 December at 2pm (followed by the Crib Service at 3pm)
Help needed to share in this and if you can take a part please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Canon Tony. No acting experience required!

Please note there will be no bell ringing practice on Thursday evenings 20 and 27 December.

Women's Wednesday Home Group will conclude this year with a special Quiet day at Endcliffe House on 12 December.
For further details contact: Jane Proctor 01629 258911 if you are interested in coming along.

Christmas Tree Festival - Help would be appreciated in delivering flyers round and about Bakewell, to shops, businesses, B&Bs, campsites etc. Also, when the OD cafe is open between 14 December and 22 December, offers of soup, cakes, biscuits or mince pies would be most welcome. Please have a word with Dot.

We also still need stewards - this is a very satisfying thing to do and is really appreciated by visitors. If you can offer a couple of hours please sign up to the rota at the back of church. Thank you.

If you wish to have anything added to the pew sheet please contact Canon Tony's PA, Emma Raynes, by 10am Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's pew sheet, thank you. 01629 814462 / bakewelljazzypa@gmail.com

Please remember in your prayers:

Thy Kingdom Come pledge: Please pray for five of your family, friends and neighbours to know the presence of God's Love in their lives.

The Community: For all who live or work locally and this week for those who live in Bakewell on Bakewell Road, School Lane & Wellgate Lane in Over Haddon .

The Sick: Philip Brown, Jacqui Gray, Eleanor Reeves, John Stamp, Cynthia Walker & David Warrington.

The Departed: Val Evans.