



30th November 2025
1st Sunday of Advent

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Notices

Don't Forget the Disco

Bring your friends to our disco and pizza evening this Saturday, 6th December, from 7.00 pm in the hall. Tickets are available from Jane Williams or Rachel Martindill for £5.

Christmas Week Services

Sun 21 st Dec	6.00 pm	Carol Service
Wed 24 th Dec	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass
Thu 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist

TODAY

6.00 pm Advent procession,
Exeter Cathedral

Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a King: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.

Collect

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn	51	Awake, Awake: Fling Off the Night!
Offertory hymn	247	Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling
Recessional hymn	399	Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 1st December Matthew 4: 18 – 22

1.00 pm Funeral of Amy Starling

2.30 pm 'The Chosen' house group

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 2nd December Luke 10: 21 – 24

Wed 3rd December Matthew 15: 29 – 37

12.00 noon Eucharist

3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 4th December Matthew 7: 21 & 24 – 27

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 5th December Matthew 9: 27 – 31

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 6th December

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1 & 6 – 8

7.00 pm Disco and pizza evening

Next Sunday: 7th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3: 1 – 12

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

4.00 pm Christingle service

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalms 122

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem; Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.' For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

