



## THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### The OT Reading - Isaiah 11.1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### The Epistle - Romans 15.4-13

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; <sup>11</sup>and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### The Gospel - Matthew 3.1-12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he



said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 11

In the Lord put / I my / trust : how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a / bird / unto the / hill?  
For lo the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows with/in the / quiver : that they may privily shoot at them / which are / true of / heart.  
For the foundations will be / cast / down : and / what hath the / righteous / done?  
The Lord is in his / holy / temple : the Lord's / seat / is in / heaven.  
His eyes con/sider the / poor : and his eyelids / try the / children of / men.  
The Lord al/loweth the / righteous : but the ungodly and him that delighteth in wickedness / doth his / soul ab/hor.  
Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone / storm and / tempest : this shall / be their / portion to / drink.  
For the righteous Lord / loveth / righteousness : his countenance will be/hold the / thing that is / just.

# This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

Our Christmas Tree Festival concludes today and we are open 12-4 p.m. Thank you to all the groups and business who have contributed to it, to all those who have assisted serving refreshment and especially Bridget for organising it all.

The joint December/January church magazine is available at a cost of 50p. If you live in Mobberley you can get yours delivered free of charge, please just contact Philippa Mort.

The PCC Standing Committee meets via Zoom this Monday at 7.30 p.m. If you have any items for the PCC agenda please speak to the Rector or Ann Grainger.

This Saturday (13th) we shall be holding our open-air carol service from 10.00 a.m. outside the Village Bakery. Do come and join us as we witness to the true meaning of Christmas.

The Wednesday Matinee film this week is 'Home Alone', doors open 1.30 and the film starts at 2 p.m.

As you may now be aware the heating is back on in the church building. It has been on most the week but will take a little time to get back up to normal, and to dry out the damp wood.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Peter Hargreaves, Neville Barker and Robert Cummings.

**Year's Mind  
(2014+)**

Margaret Hurcombe  
John Blay

## This Week's Diary (Week beginning 7th December)

### Sun. The 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church
12.00 p.m.	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church

Mon. 9.30 a.m.	Lwr Juniors Dress Rehearsal	Church
10.00 a.m.	Parents and Tots	The Beacon
1.30 p.m.	Lwr Juniors Nativity	Church
7.30 p.m.	PCC Standing Committee	Zoom

Tue. 5.00 p.m.	School Governors	School
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Wed. 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	The Beacon
10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	The Beacon
1.30 p.m.	Lwr Juniors Nativity	Church
1.30 p.m.	Wednesday Matinee	The Beacon

Thu. 5.00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
7.45 p.m.	Doorway	The Beacon

Fri. 6.00 p.m.	Youth Club	The Beacon
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Sat. 10.00 a.m.	Open-Air Carol Service	The Village Bakery
12.30 p.m.	Wedding	Church

### Sun. The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church



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8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Psalms 11 1 Kings 18:17-39 John 1:19-28

## Next Sunday's Readings - The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Isaiah 35:1-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	Psalms 12 Isaiah 5:8-end Acts 13:13-41

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