

# St. Wilfrid's Weekly



## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### The OT Reading - Isaiah 35.1-10

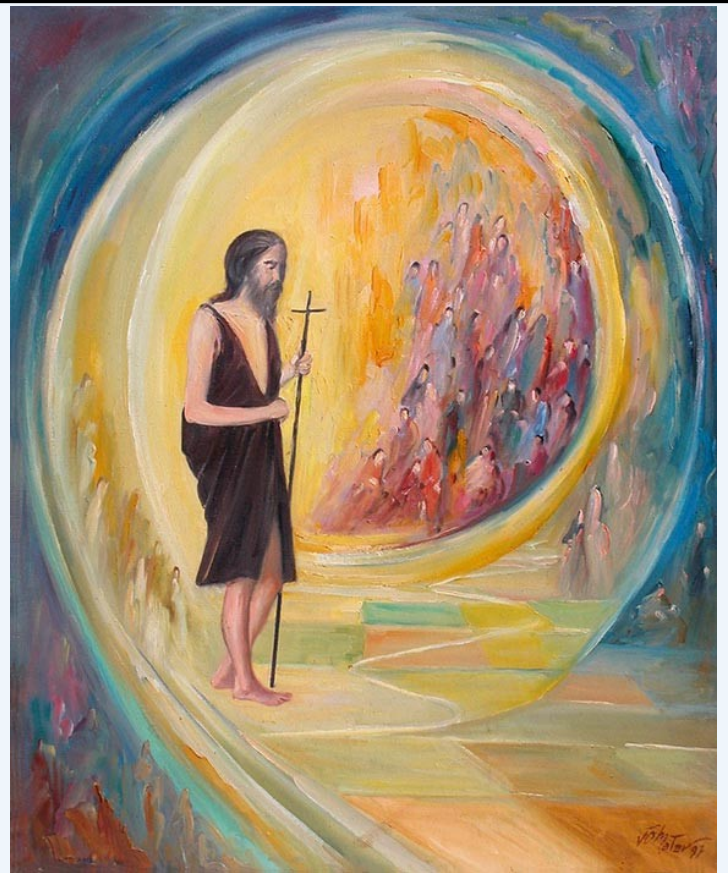
<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### The Epistle - James 5.7-10

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### The Gospel - Matthew 11.2-11

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,



"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

### Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 12

Help me Lord for there is not one / godly man / left : for the faithful are minished from a/mong the / children of / men. They talk of vanity every one / with his / neighbour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble / in their / double / heart.

The Lord shall root out all de/ceitful / lips : and the tongue that / speaketh / proud / things; Which have said, With our tongue will / we pre/vail : we are they that ought to speak , / who is / lord over / us? Now for the comfortless trouble's sake / of the / needy : and because of the deep / sighing / of the / poor, I will up / saith the / Lord : and will help every one from him that swelleth against him / and will / set him at / rest. The words of the / Lord are / pure words : even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified / seven times / in the / fire.

Thou shalt / keep them O / Lord : thou shalt preserve him from / this gene/ration for / ever.

The ungodly walk on / every / side : when they are exalted, the children of / men are / put to re/buke.

# This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

I have unfortunately contracted flu and can't be with you today, many thanks to Georgina Watmore, Paul Deakin and John Grainger who at very short notice will be leading us in worship

Next Sunday morning we shall be holding our Christmas Christingle Service at 10 a.m. whilst at 6.30 p.m. we shall be having our service of Nine Lessons and Carols which will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

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

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| <b>Year's Mind<br/>(2014+)</b> | Josephine Moores<br>Marjorie Barber | Fred Smith<br>Joan Meadowcroft | Stanley Jones<br>Brian Savill |
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## This Week's Diary (Week beginning 14th December)

### 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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| Mon. | 9.30 a.m.  | Junior Dress Rehearsal | Church     |
|      | 10.00 a.m. | Parents and Tots       | The Beacon |

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| Tue. | 6.00 p.m. | Upper Junior Nativity | Church |
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| Wed. | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion | The Beacon |
|      | 10.30 a.m. | Coffee Morning | The Beacon |

### Sun. The 4th Sunday of Advent

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| 8.30 a.m.  | Said Holy Communion   | Church |
| 10.00 a.m. | Christingle Service   | Church |
| 6.30 p.m.  | Nine Lessons & Carols | Church |



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

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

## Next Sunday's Readings - The 4th Sunday of Advent

| 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.         | 6.30 p.m.             |
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| Romans 1:1-7<br>Matthew 1:18-end | Nine Lessons & Carols |

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