

## THIS WEEK

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### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Advent 3

**8.30am** BCP Communion, in church, not on zoom

**10am** All Age Communion, in church and on zoom

#### Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-end; Luke 3:7-18

To join the services on zoom, please look for the joining button on the website.

## NEXT WEEK

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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Advent 4

**8.30am** BCP Communion, in church, not on zoom

**10am** All Age Communion, on zoom only

#### Readings

Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1: 39-55

**6.30pm** Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, in church and on zoom

#### Filming

Please note that our Zoom services may capture the image of participants at the service. If you have any objections please speak to the Churchwarden or the Vicar.

## WELCOME

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Please do visit our website [www.trumpington.church](http://www.trumpington.church) for more details on the Sunday Services, and for resources to use at home.

Do keep an eye on the church website for a link to streamed services

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## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
You sent John the Baptist to prepare the  
way of your Son:

Give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

## Zephaniah 3.14-end

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the  
judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your  
midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to  
Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

## 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?' <sup>8</sup>Bear 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. <sup>9</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.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then  
should we do?' <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them,  
'Whoever has two coats must share with  
anyone who has none; and whoever has  
food must do likewise.'<sup>12</sup>Even tax-  
collectors came to be baptized, and they  
asked him, 'Teacher, what should we  
do?' <sup>13</sup>He said to them, 'Collect no more  
than the amount prescribed for  
you.'<sup>14</sup>Soldiers 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, <sup>16</sup>John 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.'<sup>17</sup>His  
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.

## **PRAYERS**

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***Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, have mercy on us, we pray.***

Please pray for all the Advent events and services, that they go smoothly, proclaim the Gospel, and give glory to Christ Jesus.

This week, please pray for the staff and students of schools and colleges as they draw near to the end of term and have to make decisions about Christmas events.

As we ponder the Christmas story, please pray for Christians throughout the Middle East, and especially for Christian communities in the Holy Land.

Closer to home, pray for charities and agencies who provide meals and shelter for the homeless.

Let us pray for ourselves as we journey through the remaining weeks of Advent, acknowledging the things we have to *turn around* or away from to enable us to receive Jesus into our hearts and lives.

*(Please send other prayer requests to the Vicar)*

## **CHURCH NEWS & NOTICES**

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*(Please send any notices to the Church Office by 9am Tuesday)*

### **Receiving Communion**

When receiving the sacrament can we all please follow a one way circuit round the church, as directed by the Churchwarden, to maximise social distancing

### **Home Groups**

I would like to encourage us all to consider joining some form of home group, whether for reading books, Bible Study or prayer. Each group would determine its meeting frequency and when and where it met. I am aware from talking among us over the last 2½ years, that there is a latent demand, particularly for Bible Study. The value of home groups is that apart from giving us the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith, they also nurture us as a congregation. Inevitably some may find a group "Not for them" and possibly move group or withdraw, but I would like us to try. Initially my aim is to try and match us in groups with a specified leader and see how it develops. I do hope that you will join with me in praying that it may be a beneficial development for the life of the church. (Mandy)

### **Donations**

Please note that we are not passing the collection plate during our services. However, you are most welcome to leave a donation towards the work of the church by using the plate on the warden's pew after the service or by using the Goodbox. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Carols at Clay Farm**

Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, CCT are leading carols at Clay Farm in the afternoon. Time tbc, but please do put the date in your diary if you would like to come along.

### **Flowers in Church**

If you would like to sponsor some flowers to go into church to commemorate an anniversary, we warmly invite you to be in touch with Edmund, the Churchwarden/ Treasurer.

## Here's something to highlight in the Christmas TV guide

Alpha UK presents *Is God Dead?* with Guvna B, airing on TBN this December. The show explores topics such as healing, prayer, social action, forgiveness and there's even a Christmas special! It's the perfect thing for your congregation or potential guests to tune into who are thinking about faith or considering Alpha. You can catch this every Thursday and Friday in December at 8pm (apart from Christmas Eve!) on TBN finishing with the Christmas Special on Thurs 23rd December. They can also watch the series on our global Alpha YouTube from this Friday.

## M&Ms – (Youth Group for young persons aged 9+)

Meets each month in either Trumpington or Newnham.

For further info please email Natalie on [childrenandfamilies@stmarksnewnham.org](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarksnewnham.org)

## CCHP

Go to [CCHP.org.uk](http://CCHP.org.uk) to sign up for hostel volunteering in the pop-up winter hostel on Chesterton Road. There are lots of volunteering opportunities to help with meals, cleaning or playing board games, etc.

## Singing

If anybody would like to form part of a small choir singing in the chancel please email Alan Howard on [choir@trumpington.church](mailto:choir@trumpington.church)

The next choir practice will be at 9.30am on Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022. If you are interested in singing, just turn up.

## Advent Collection for Trumpington Food Hub

This year, we are having a collection of items for the TFH. If you would like to contribute, please choose from the items below. It is hoped that we can take the collection to the Food Hub in mid-December so that they can go in Christmas hampers. **Please leave your contribution in the North Chapel in the box provided.**

Mini Christmas puddings/ cakes  
Mince Pies  
Tuna or salmon tins  
Eggs  
Long life milk  
Hot chocolate mix  
Corned beef tins  
Crackers  
Tooth paste  
Strong tin foil  
Baking parchment

## Reading & Praying

If you would like to read the bible passage during services on Sundays, or if you would like to do the Prayers of Intercession, please can you contact the Churchwarden or the Vicar. We can talk you through what is involved. It would be great to have some more volunteers for these roles.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTICES

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### Trumpington Clothes Hub

You might have noticed a blue plastic box in the Bakehouse porch? This has been placed there by the *Trumpington Clothes Hub* who are collecting good quality children's clothes for redistribution to Trumpington families. If you have any good quality children's clothes that you want to donate, please do put them in the box.