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29th November 2020 : Advent Sunday

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## HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON SUNDAY SERVICE

Until we can meet again in our churches, our Sunday services will be recorded and will be available on Youtube for you to watch at your leisure. The link will be sent to you on a weekly basis.

### A MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

Today is Advent Sunday – the beginning of that season of preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time when we reflect on our lives, our journey of faith, and our ongoing need for Gods forgiveness and provision whatever the future may hold. It reminds us that even though our world is a broken and divided place in so many ways, and that there sometimes seems to be so much darkness around us, it won't be this way forever. One day Jesus will return, the Kingdom of God will be fully realised, and the whole of creation will be restored to the way he created it to be. But maybe we all have that sense at present of walking in darkness, as the pandemic restrictions seem to go on and on and are taking such a toll on so many lives. However we hold on to God's promise that, ultimately, His light has overcome the darkness of this world. We can recognise how our seemingly insignificant acts of compassion can be carriers of His light to others. We can be led and inspired to reach out with the contagious power of hope to others, as we wait in confident expectation of that day when He will wipe away every tear. As we walk alongside others who, like us, are imperfect and broken in many ways – who, like us, are constantly in need of compassion, forgiveness and friendship – pray that we will all grow in our capacity to love generously without expectation of return. So let me end with a verse of one of my favourite advent hymns, as we watch and wait.

O come, Thou Day-Spring

Come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, o Israel

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.  
Amen.

### Please remember in your prayers this week:-

*Jeff, Mike, Chris, Caroline, John, Karen, Olivia, Kate, Sue,  
Nora Ellis, Emma Paine, Janice, Eveline Tennant,  
Melissa Smith, Carol, Lucy, Jean Reed & Aaron Smith.*



### We remember before God:-

*Jeffrey Moore*

### Please remember in your prayers:-

*the continued efforts of all our NHS & front line staff.*

### In our year's mind we remember and give thanks for the lives of:-

*Peter Haynes, Henry Snow, Ada Scattergood,  
Hilda Gilbey & Thomas Wicker.*

## ON-LINE WORSHIP

- \* Coventry Cathedral at 9:15 am on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral>
- \* St Michael's Church, Bishop's Itchington [www.stmichaelschurch.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelschurch.co.uk)
- \* St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele [www.stnicholasrestored.co.uk](http://www.stnicholasrestored.co.uk)
- \* St Mark's Coventry at 10:30 am on YouTube - <https://www.stmarkscoventry.org/online>
- \* St Paul's, Leamington at 10:00 am <https://stpaulsleamingtonspa.churchsuite.co>.
- \* St Mary Magdalene, Lillington <https://lillingtonparishchurch.org> click on streaming and all their services
- \* St Andrew's Shoterly, Stratford-upon-Avon <https://www.saintandrewsshoterly.org> (Sunday service via Zoom - click on Services which will take you to 'current month' link where you can access Zoom details)

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## NOTICES

**SUPPORT** : If you know of any individuals who need additional support please do let myself or the wardens know. As the Archbishops have encouraged us to use this lockdown to focus on prayer. I am posting on Facebook the daily focus for prayer for the nation which we are encouraged to use at 6pm each day. Rev Andy

### ON-LINE RETREAT FOR ADVENT

The Diocese of Coventry are advertising an online Advent Quiet Day with the Bishop of Warwick on 2 December. The day is free but you do need to register at

<http://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/online-retreat-for-advent.php>

Bishop John says:

*"These short retreats will run from 10am to 3pm. There will be three reflections offered at 10 am, at 12 noon and 2 pm and a closing prayer at 2.55.*

*These timings were chosen to give you space to offer morning and evening prayer, if this is your practice, before and after the retreat. As it is a retreat, not a conference, it is hoped that you will be able to keep the times between the reflections just for you and God and free from emails, screens and work."*

**MORNING PRAYER** : Mondays through to Thursdays via Zoom and anyone is welcome. You do not have to live in the parish or be familiar with morning prayer; you are welcome even if you have not been before. If you are interested send me an email ([alison@abt1.net](mailto:alison@abt1.net)) and I will reply with the Zoom invitation which will enable you to join. Alison Abbott

**PRAYER FOR THE NATION** : The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown. The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6pm each day. More details and prayer booklet available at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/prayerforthenation>

**ALL SAINTS' HARBURY WEBSITE** <https://allsaintsharbury.org/>  
You will find information such as opening the church for prayer, online services and the latest pew sheet, together with our Heat Light Stone Appeal. We also have a donation button on the website to receive "collection"

**ALL SAINTS', HARBURY** : Church is open for private prayer on Sundays & Wednesdays, 1pm - 4pm. Anyone is welcome to come at these times but must read & follow the signs to keep all visitors as safe as possible.

**ALL SAINTS', LADBROKE**: We will open most Sundays from 2-4pm for private prayer but due to the repairs, which include the porch floor, this may not be possible every week so please check the services and events calendar before coming.

**DAILY HOPE is the FREE DAILY DIAL-IN WORSHIP PHONE LINE** set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury offering music, prayers, reflections and full worship services 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. It's been set up particularly for those unable to join online church services.

**COVENTRY DIOCESE WEBSITE** <https://www.coventry.anglican.org>  
We are told that the the Equipping Disciples section has some great resources for prayer and wellbeing.

*Message from Rev Martin Green : This document has been issued to take people through Advent from Rev Elizabeth Clark - the Methodist Rural Church Adviser based at Stoneleigh*

### ADVENT : Advent Liturgy Year B

#### Week 1

*The first candle is lit*

*This candle is for the people of God, that's us and those who walk beside us and those who walk before us.*

*Reading: 1Corinthians 1 verse 9*

*It is God himself who called you to share in the life of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and God keeps faith.*

*Prayer*

*Loving God we pray for the church throughout the world that she may continue to be a light for you. We pray for the church in this village that we may be a source of light and love to those around us. During this Advent bless your people as we prepare to celebrate again the coming of the Light of the World. Amen.*

#### Week 2

*One candle already lit. Second candle is lit*

*This candle is for the prophets, those people who speak out for justice, who stand with those who feel the world has forgotten them. People who speak for God to a world that needs to hear.*

*Reading: Isaiah 40 verse 9*

*Climb to a mountaintop, you that bring good news to Zion; raise your voice and shout aloud, you that carry good news to Jerusalem, raise it fearlessly; say to the cities of Judah, 'Your God is here.'*

*Prayer*

*Challenging God, we give thanks today for prophets of all kinds: those who work for justice in organisations such as Traidcraft, Tear Fund and Christian Aid, those who work with the poor and marginalised in homeless shelters or with people seeking asylum.*

*We pray for ourselves that we may be prepared to speak out for justice in your name. Amen.*

#### Week 3

*2 candles already lit. Third candle is lit.*

*This candle is for John the Baptist, sent by God to get things ready for the ministry of Jesus.*

*Reading: Isaiah 40 verse 3*

*A voice cries*

*Clear a road through the wilderness for the Lord, prepare a highway across the desert for our God.*

*Prayer*

*Compassionate God*

*We pray for those who prepare a place for others in our society. We remember those who work in the NHS and care home workers. People in the hospitality trade, those who work in hostels for the homeless, refugees and prisons We pray for ourselves that we may always be ready to welcome you in the stranger.*

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## Week 4

3 candles already lit. Fourth candle is lit.

This candle is for Mary who said yes to God even though she had no idea how difficult her life might be.

Reading: Luke 1 verse 38

'I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary; may it be as you have said.

Prayer  
Calling God

We pray for all those like Mary who have said yes to you with an open heart not knowing where it might lead; those who have entered religious communities to give their lives to the work of prayer. People who have been called to serve you far from home in difficult circumstances.

We pray for ourselves that we may be prepared to answer yes to your call as generously as Mary did. Amen.

## Christmas Day

4 candles already lit. Centre candle is lit.

We light this candle to remember Jesus' birthday, God come to us in a tiny baby.

Reading: Luke 2 verses 6 and 7

While they were there the time came for her to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Prayer  
Incarnate God,

We pray for all babies that will be born today. May they be loved and cared for, and have all the necessities of life.

We pray for ourselves that Jesus may shine in our hearts this Christmas day and always. Amen.

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May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember the most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between preserving  
their health or making ends meet.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when schools close

remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of  
the economic market

remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,

let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other

let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our  
neighbours.

Amen

## ANSWERS TO 22nd NOVEMBER 2020 QUIZ

1. Ethanol
2. Cellulose
3. Tetley
4. Hydrometer
5. John Lewis
6. Nick Leeson
7. Nikkei Index
8. Rosetta Stone
9. Charity
10. Glass's Guide
11. Cavalli
12. Thailand
13. Aegean Sea
14. Odessa
15. Euphrates
16. Rosie and Jim
17. Brian Keenan
18. Arthur
19. Flageolet
20. The Blades

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. The state capital of Oregon (5)
2. In which Balkan nation would you find the Danubian Plain and the Thracian Lowlands wine regions (8)
3. Devon port that is home to the Britannia Royal Naval College (9)
4. African kingdom whose capital is Rabat (7)
5. Dutch city, site of a 1944 battle during Operation Market Garden dramatised in the 1977 film A Bridge Too Far (6)
6. In which European capital city would you find the Prado Museum (6)
7. With what items of clothing is the designer Philip Treacy associated (4)
8. Dance with strong Latin American influences that originated in New York in the mid-1970s (5)
9. The study of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship (6)
10. Precipitation that contains a high concentration of pollutants (4,4)
11. Which is the only metal that is naturally antibacterial (8)
12. Rock band best known for the 1967 hit single A Whiter Shade of Pale (6,5)
13. The "hairy hands" is a ghost story that centres on a stretch of road in which British national park (8)
14. The youngest member of the Brontë literary family (4)
15. Manager who led Leicester City to the 2015-16 Premier League title (7,7)
16. The convex transparent membrane that cover the front of the eyeball (6)
17. A unit of capacity used for measuring fresh herring (4)
18. The main male presenter of BBC Breakfast from 2001 to 2016 (4,8)
19. Prime Minister of India who was assassinated in 1984 (6,6)
20. English agriculturalist who invented the seed drill (6,4)

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