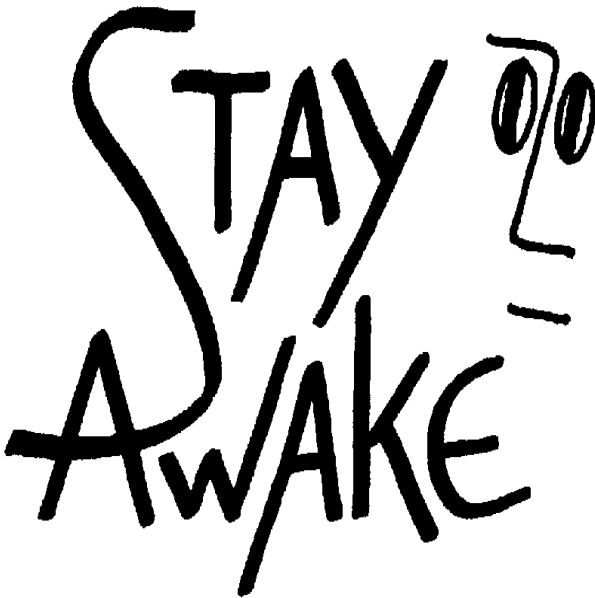


The Parishes of
BROSELEY with BENTHALL and JACKFIELD
LINLEY with WILLEY and BARROW

1st Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2017

Holy Eucharist booklet: Ordinary Time. Liturgical colour: Purple.

The services today will be led by Rev. Fr. Christopher Penn



STAY
AWAKE

DIARY OF EVENTS

please refer to the back page and take this leaflet home as a reminder.

We omit asterisked verses of hymns; after the service coffee/tea will be served — we hope you will stay.

The 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

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no-one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry.

How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No-one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins for ever. Oh, look upon us we pray, for we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Mark 13.24-37

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said: "In those days, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

"Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

We remember all those known to us who need our prayers including:

The sick: Roy Morris, Simon Gibbons, Turley Mear, Lawrence Homer, Michael Brookes, Christopher Dorricott, Beryl Smowton

the departed: Irene Una Cooper, Colin Squires

those whose year's mind falls this week: Bryan Newhouse,

Edgar Phillips, Sally Winter

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.

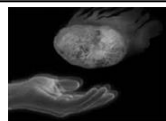
Amen

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THIS WEEK

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| Daily | 8.15am | Morning Prayer – All Saints', Broseley |
| Tues. 5 th | 7.30pm | Joint PCC – Willey Village Hall |
| Weds. 6 th | 1.30pm | Hot Potato (<i>See below</i>) – All Saints' Rectory |
| Thurs 7 th | 9.30am | Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley |
| | 7.15pm | Meditation Group – Baptist Church, Broseley |
| Friday 8 th | 8.00pm | Jackfield Brass Band Concert, St Mary's Church |
| Sunday 10 th | 9.15am | Eucharist – St Giles', Barrow |
| | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley |

Come and grab a Hot Potato



Come and join me for a Baked Potato lunch at All Saints Rectory.

And then discuss a **Hot Potato Topic** about belief, faith, spirituality or the church.

A chance to ask those questions you have always wanted to but never had the opportunity.

These lunches will be every **Wednesday in Advent** at 1.30pm.
(6th, 13th, 20th December)

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