

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*Holy Eucharist booklet: Advent. Liturgical colour: Purple.*  
The services today will be led by Rev. Fr. Christopher Penn



### **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***

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 40.1-11*

*A reading from the book of Isaiah*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands for ever."

You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

*2 Peter 3.8-15a*

*A reading from the second letter of Peter*

Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***The Gospel***

*Mark 1.1-8*

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**

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way – a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

And so John came, baptising in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Prayers**

We pray for Matilda Rose Parker who is to be baptised today

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: Fran Gough, Bernie Edwards, Ken Gainham

## **Post communion prayer**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

### **TODAY**

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight – Baptist Chapel, Broseley

### **THIS WEEK**

Daily 8.15am Morning Prayer – All Saints', Broseley

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Hot Potato Lunch & Discussion – The Rectory

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Carols in the Square – Broseley

6.00pm Carol Service – St John's, Willey

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Eucharist – St Mary's, Jackfield

10.30am Sung Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley

3.30pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church Hall

6.00pm Ecumenical Carol Service – All Saints', Broseley

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