

## Online Services for Advent 2020

We will alternate between morning prayer and communion on the 4 Sundays of Advent

There will also be Night Prayer on Monday and Friday evenings at 8pm on Zoom.

Sunday services will go live on the website <https://westburyparkchurch.org.uk/> at 10.15am each week

If you would like to receive the service on CD or DVD we can organise that for you, just contact Abigail and she will be able to add you to the list of those who receive our worship that way.

**29th November    Advent Sunday**

Online

Eucharist

Isaiah 64.1-9, Mark 13.24-37

**6th December    Advent 2**

Online

Morning Prayer

2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

**13th December    Advent 3**

Online

Eucharist

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11, John 1.6-8,19-28

**20th December    Advent 4**

Online

Morning Prayer

Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38

## **ADVENT CANDLES**

**Why not set up some candles at home to light as the candles in church are lit.**

### **Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony**

*All over the world people make advent rings. They all have five candles, one for each Sunday in Advent and one for Christmas Day. In our Advent Candle Ceremonies our candles will stand for The Patriarchs and Matriarchs of the Bible, The Prophets, John the Baptist and Mary.*

#### **Advent Sunday – Patriarchs and Matriarchs**

We light this candle to remember Abraham and Sarah and all the faithful people of long ago. These people listened to God and trusted God. They went on a journey to obey God. We are also on a journey of faith, to know God better.

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent - Prophets**

We lit the first candle to remember Abraham and Sarah and all the faithful people. Today we light the second candle to remember Isaiah and Jeremiah and all the prophets of long ago. These people listened to God and gave God's message to their neighbours and friends. They helped people understand what God is like and they shared God's promises for the future. We also watch and listen for God's voice.

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent – John the Baptist**

We lit the first candle to remember Abraham and Sarah and all the faithful people of long ago. We lit the second candle to remember Isaiah and Jeremiah and all the prophets of long ago. Today, we light the third candle to remember John the Baptist. John helped the people to have a new start with God. He baptised them in the river Jordan. John helped them to realise that they should follow Jesus. We too, are followers of Jesus, looking for the signs of his coming.

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent – Mary**

We lit the first candle to remember Abraham and Sarah and all the faithful people of long ago. We lit the second candle to remember Isaiah and Jeremiah and all the prophets of long ago. We lit the third candle to remember John the Baptist. Today, we light the fourth candle to remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. When Mary was asked to be the mother of Jesus, she said, 'Yes.' When God asks us to do something, may we be ready to say 'Yes'.

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARIST IN ADVENT 2020

*After the lighting of the Advent Candle(s) the service continues with the*

### **Confession**

In this holy season of Advent, the church invites us to spend time in prayer and reflection and to humbly confess our sins before Almighty God. So let us recollect all we have done that has separated us from him and from one another and ask for his forgiveness

*Silence*

**Holy and forgiving God, we have sinned against you and against each other, in thought and word and deed. We have turned from your life giving word, and ignored the message of those you sent. We are unprepared for the coming of your Son, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that strengthened by your love we may serve you more faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Kyrie Eleison** (Lord have mercy)

Lord have mercy	<b>Lord have mercy</b>
Christ have mercy	<b>Christ have mercy</b>
Lord have mercy	<b>Lord have mercy</b>

### **Absolution**

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent  
Have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
And keep you in life eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Special Prayer for the Day (Collect)**

#### **A Bible Reading**

*at the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

*and we all respond*

**Thanks be to God**

#### **The Gospel**

*At the beginning of the Gospel Reading*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to .....

**Glory to you O Lord**

*At the end of the Gospel Reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

#### **The Sermon**

## **The Creed**

*We stand to say what we believe*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*We sit or kneel for*

**Prayers of Intercession** *prayers of the people for the world*

*The response to the bidding*

Lord in your mercy

is **Hear our Prayer**

*and at the end of the prayers*

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

May the God of peace make you holy and keep you free from every fault as you wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace*

## **The Preparation of the Table**

As the grain once scattered in the fields

And the grapes once dispersed on the hillside

Are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,

So, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together

From the corners of the earth Into your kingdom

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise**

God of all glory and light of our salvation, we offer you  
thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
By your living Word you called all things into being  
Breathed into life the desire of your heart  
And shaped us in your own likeness.

Though we rejected your love,  
You did not give us up or cease to fashion our salvation.  
You made a covenant to be our God,  
Spoke to us through the prophets,  
And prepared the way for our redemption.  
We praise you that in the fullness of time  
You sent your only Son Jesus Christ.  
The Lord of all eternity,  
Announced by angels and born of Mary,  
He became incarnate,  
fulfilling the promise of your salvation.

And so we offer our praise  
With all your people, on earth and in heaven.  
With the full chorus of your creation  
We proclaim the glory of your name

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, Lord God, King of the Universe,  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
And gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink from it all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant,  
Poured out for you and for many,  
For the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me'

**Christ has died  
Christ has risen  
Christ will come again**

Recalling his death and resurrection, and in obedience to his command,  
We commemorate the offering of his eternal sacrifice,  
Until he comes again.  
Through him, our Priest and King,  
Accept us as a living sacrifice, a people for your praise.  
Generous and holy God pour out your spirit  
That these gifts of bread and wine  
May be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
Refashion us in your image that we may be found ready  
At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For the Kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours  
Now and for ever.  
Amen**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many we are one body  
because we all share in one bread**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper  
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you  
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### **The Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

*Because of the new ways we are currently called to be church we are not able to meet together and receive the bread and wine. The president will receive it on behalf of all of us and we each receive the sacrament spiritually - in a practise known as spiritual reception which has been practised for hundreds of years by those who for many reasons are unable to be at church.*

### **Act of Spiritual Reception**

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen**

**After Communion**

**We thank you, Lord,  
For feeding us with the bread of heaven  
And the cup of salvation.  
Keep us in your grace  
And at the coming of Christ in glory  
Bring us with your saints  
Into the life of your kingdom.  
Amen**

**The Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness  
Shine upon you  
And prepare your hearts and souls  
To meet him when he comes in glory;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## Morning Prayer for Advent

### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Reveal among us the light of your presence  
**that we may behold your power and glory.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
So may the light of your presence, O God,  
Set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
Now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Prayers of Penitence

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith  
**Lord God,**  
**we have sinned against you;**  
**we have done evil in your sight.**  
**We are sorry and repent.**  
**Have mercy on us according to your love.**  
**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Renew a right spirit within us**  
**and restore us to the joy of your salvation;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

## **The Venite**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5t The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### **Psalmody**

*The appointed [psalmody](#) is said or sung.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Bible Readings**

*After each reading this response may be used*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Creed**

*We stand to say what we believe*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

One of these responses may be used

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

(or)

Father of life

**make known your glory.**

### **The Collect**

*The Collect, the prayer of the day is said*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Conclusion**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing ...

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
**find us watching and waiting.**  
**Amen.**

## **AN ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE) IN ADVENT**

### **The Preparation**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

*The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

**○ Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

*The following or another suitable hymn may be sung*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

○ Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

## The Word of God

*Psalm 143*

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;  
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgement with your servant,  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued me,  
crushing my life to the ground,  
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;  
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust;  
show me the way I should walk in,  
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies,  
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,  
and destroy all the adversaries of my soul,  
for truly I am your servant.

*At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Short Reading: the following or some other*

Keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

*Mark 13.35-end*

## **Responsory**

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

## **Gospel Canticle**

***The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung***

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;**

**that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;**

**that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart**

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

## **Collect**

Stir up your power, O God,

and come among us.

Heal our wounds,

calm our fears

and give us peace;

through Jesus our Redeemer.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For the Kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours  
Now and for ever.  
Amen

## **The Conclusion**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**  
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**  
As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**  
[Come with the dawning of the day  
**and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

Restore us again, O God of hosts;  
show us the light of your countenance  
and we shall be saved.  
Bless and keep us, this night and always.  
**Amen.**