



Advent 4

21 December 2025

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16
Isaiah foretells Emmanuel
Romans 1.1-7
A Salutation to the Christians in Rome
Matthew 1. 18-24
An angel visits Mary and Joseph

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

6pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
followed by mince pies, coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Monday 22 December

11am Funeral of Beatrice de Quincey RIP

Wednesday 24 December—Christmas Eve

6pm Crib Service

11pm Carols at the screen

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December—Christmas Day

10am Festival Parish Communion

Sunday 28 December

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Christmas Greetings From the Vicar:

*When the song of the Angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the Kings are home,
when the Shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people,
and to make music in the heart.*

(Words attributed to Howard Thurman)

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year.

With joy,

Revd. Liz, Sam, Oscar and David

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Requesting our Prayers: Joan Betts, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Tim Robb, Charles Rutt, Marcus Smith, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jo Chelley, Maurice Darnell, Joanna Friend

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Beatrice de Quincey, Joyce Carr. For families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time:

Norman Gurney (22nd), Sheila Jarvis (23rd), Pamela Gustard (25th), Breunis van de Weerd (28th)

Mafambisa: We remember the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for care-worker: Maria and children: Snethemba, Fezile, Bayanda, Mgcobi, Bafana.

Food Bank

Please don't forget the food bank during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Many families will be struggling over the festive period so food/hygiene/cleaning products all welcome.

Anna Rutt and Maggie McLoughlan

Pew Sheet

Next week's pew sheet will be a double issue covering the weeks of 28 December and 4 January. Any messages you would like to include, please email secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk by midday on Tuesday 23 December.

Sue Thorn

Open Church

There will be no open church from lunchtime Christmas Day until Saturday 27 December and again from lunchtime Sunday 28 December until Friday 2 January. There will be no coffee shop nor warm spaces during that time. Coffee shop and warm spaces will be open again from 3 January.

Churchwardens

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, finishing on 21 March. Warm Spaces will be closed on 25 and 27 December and on 1 January.

Nettie van de Weerd

Christmas bookstall The Christmas bookstall is now open in the Chapter House with a selection of Christmas cards and Advent candles.

Chris Parker

Shoebox Christmas Stall

A big thank you to all those who supported the stall on 6 December. We raised £113.70.

Mary Dominey

Christmas Home Communion

If you, or a relative, friend or neighbour, wishes to receive Communion at home during the Christmas season, please inform the Administration Assistant as soon as possible, providing your contact details to her. Thank you. secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Revd Liz

Advent Prayer Tree A Christmas tree is beside the votive candle stand with labels to put the name of a person, an organisation, or a group of people you feel needs prayer this Christmas. Your prayers will be commended during the service on 21 December.

Craft and Chat

The last session of the year will be held on 20 December between 10am-12noon alongside the coffee shop. Crafters and non-crafters all welcome.

Anna Rutt



Used Stamps for St John's Hospice

Please remember to save any stamps from the Christmas cards you receive. Please cut around them and bring them to the back of the church where there is a collection box. It seems a small thing to do as regards fund-raising, but St John's are please to receive them.

St John's Hospice wished me to thank all at St Andrew's for the continued support.

Gill Hibbert

A Personal Message from the Vicar

Dear Friends in Christ, Greetings to you all as we continue to journey through this season of Advent. It is likely that I will need surgery in late February, 2026, followed by a period of recovery, possibly 6 weeks or so afterwards. Prayers most welcomed nearer the time, as I continue to hold you in mine.

Yours in Christ, Revd. Liz

For Advent:

O Sapientia

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!

Who madest all in earth and sky,

Creating man from dust and clay:

To us reveal salvation's way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Future Dates

Thursday 1 January

No Service or coffee.

Sunday 4 January: Epiphany

8am Holy Communion Order II

10am All Together Communion

Sunday 1 February

3pm Christingle Service

North Roof: As you are aware the roof of the north aisle has been leaking for a while now and temporary repairs are no longer effective. We have now completed consultation with the DAC and other necessary bodies and have now posted notice of petition to apply for a faculty. All being well work will be able to start in January.

Churchwardens

Social Media

Keeping in touch with family and friends is something as a Church we are trying to undertake through the use of our social media platforms. Please do contact Oliver Dilleby or Jessica Mephem with any ideas, thoughts or content for the social media pages. In the meantime please continue to like, follow and share our social media accounts.

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Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve, Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen

