

3rd Sunday of Advent - 13 December 2015



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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This morning we welcome the Revd Keith Justice to preside

Gospel acclamation Reader: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. **Response: Alleluia!**

This morning's music

537 O day of God, draw nigh
589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
449 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
374 Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts
463 Lord Jesus Christ
Buxtehude: Nun, komm, der Heiden Heiland

This morning's readings

Zephaniah 3.14-20 (reader: Leslie Fletcher);
Philippians 4.4-7 (reader: Jenny Black);
Luke 3.7-18 (Gospel: Opal Walsh).
Intercessor: Opal Walsh.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer: E

At the lighting of 3rd Advent candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now.

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service: all welcome

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post-Communion for Advent

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.

This morning



Congregational consultation on the preparation of the *Statement of Need* which sets out what we are seeking from our next parish priest. Over the page is the current draft so please read it carefully. Tell a PCC member if you think there is anything which needs changing. If you want to write something about what we are looking for in a new parish priest there are Post-It notes at the back of church and in the hall; stick your comments to the nearby A-board.

This week and further ahead

- ♪14 December ~ Monday♪ Carol singing in the "Courts": 7.15pm Mayes Court, 8.00 pm Oak Court
- ♪15 December ~ Tuesday♪ Carol singing in the "Courts": 7.15pm Royle Court, 8.00 pm Rowan Court
- 16 December ~ Wednesday 7.30pm at Holy Innocents, final session of Pilgrim course: **Treading lightly on the earth.** Explores our relationship with the earth itself, with a reflection written by Bishop David. 10.00am Holy Communion
- 17 December ~ Thursday 3.30pm Carol Service
- ♪20 December ~ Sunday♪ Christmas Eve: 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas
- Christmas Day: 10.00am Holy Communion with carols and sermon
- Sunday 27 December: 10.00am Holy Communion with carols and sermon
- New Year's Day: 11.00~11.45am Matins with seasonal hymns and carols

Christmas Greetings Board

Please contribute a picture, Christmas card, poem or other form of Christmas greeting instead of sending multiple cards to a lot of people in the congregation. All are invited to take part and to donate money saved to the Children's Society.

Pastoral care during the interregnum

During the interregnum, please make the Churchwardens aware of illness and similar issues affecting people associated with St Chad's, need for pastoral visits or Home Communion, &c. Telephone calls to the Rectory telephone number (445 1185) will be diverted to a mobile phone which the churchwardens are taking turns to be responsible for.

Readings next Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent: Micah 5.2-5a (reader: Freda Evans); Psalm 80.1-8; Hebrews 10.5-10 (reader: Jean Nixon); **Luke 1.39-45** (Gospeller: Colin Powell). **Readings now Year C**

Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher. **President:** The Revd Keith Justice

Diocese of Manchester
 St Chad's Church, Ladybarn
 Interregnum, November 2015 –
 Statement of Need for new parish priest
 (i.e. person specification; role description is separate)

Essential Desirable

Worship and spirituality

Thoroughly prepares themselves and all participants for uplifting regular worship	√	
Willing and able to maintain a high standard of preaching and sermons which engage the whole congregation	√	
Fully engaged with the liberal catholic style of worship used at St Chad's		√
Experience of creating and putting into practice new ways of worshipping		√

Mission and development

Able to inspire and guide St Chad's to take forward the Anglican Five Marks of Mission	√	
Recognises the need for cooperation and flexibility in responding to changing parish arrangements	√	

Ministry and discipleship

Recent experience of parochial ministry	√	
Experience of and commitment to developing the ministry of all the laity	√	
Able to inspire and guide the people of St Chad's in a shared commitment to excellence in pastoral care	√	
A willing and able participant in supporting the discipleship of church members through Bible study, courses such as Pilgrim, study days and occasional lectures	√	

Ways of working

Eager to engage with the challenges of representing the Church in a diverse, fluid and largely indifferent urban community e.g. schools, community groups	√	
Has a good understanding of the balance between leadership and teamwork	√	
Willing and able to arrive at shared goals and accountability with the PCC and others	√	
Willing and able to promote consensus and to seek and value compromise	√	

Notes for St Chad's congregation

The Statement of Need expresses our vision of our future so needs to be thought about carefully. The final version of this document is used to formulate the questions which are asked when a candidate is interviewed so should reflect clearly what the parish is looking for in a new priest. The needs should be expressed in a way which lends itself to searching interview questions – such as cannot be answered with airy generalities – so can look rather stilted and indirect at first reading.