



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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"...I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way..."

Matt 11. 10



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

516 My God, how wonderful you are
 638 Rejoice the Lord is King
 774 Thy kingdom come, O God
 690 Teach me, my God and King
 589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
J S Bach: Prelude and Fugue in C major

This morning's readings

Isaiah 35.1-10 (reader: Opal Walsh); Ps. 146;

James 5.7-10 (reader: Opal Walsh);

Matthew 11.2-11 (Gospeller: Colin Powell).

Intercessor: Jenny Black.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer: E

At the lighting of 2nd 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.

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.

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

The children and Muriel will be selling Christmas Cards they have designed in the hall after the service.

This week and further ahead

- ♪ 12 December ~ Monday ♪ Carol singing in the "Courts": 7.15pm Royle Court, 8.00 pm Rowan Court
- ♪ 13 December ~ Tuesday ♪ Carol singing at Tuesday Group: 8.00pm in the Hall, with mince pies!
- 14 December ~ Wednesday 7.30pm in the Rectory: final meeting of the Advent study group, this week exploring the role of Mary
- 15 December ~ Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion, followed by a meeting of the Deanery Chapter
- ♪ 16 December ~ Friday ♪ Carol singing in the "Courts": 7.15pm Mayes Court, 8.00 pm Oak Court
- 18 December ~ Sunday 12.00noon in the Hall: Party lunch for Iris Glover's 90th birthday. All invited

Reverse Advent calendar

Christmas services

Please put Christmas gifts for distribution at the Greater Manchester Winter Night Shelter in the box at the back of church

- Christmas Eve: 4.00pm Family Crib Service
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas
- Christmas Day: 10.00am Holy Communion with carols and sermon
- New Year's Day: 10.00am: Parish Eucharist

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.

Readings next Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent (Readings now Year A):

Isaiah 7.10-16 (reader: Robert Nicholls); Psalm 80.1-8,18-20; **Romans 1.1-7** (reader: Barbara Purvis);

Matthew 1.18-25 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh). **Intercessor:** Leslie Fletcher.