



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent 11 November 2018



“And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.” Jonah 3:5

### This morning's music

547 O God our help in ages past  
379 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
353 In Christ there is no east nor west  
499 Make me a channel of your peace  
198 For the healing of the nations

### This morning's readings and prayers

**Jonah 3:1-10** (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 62;

**Hebrews 9:24-28** (reader: Leslie Fletcher);

**Mark 1:14-20** (Gospeller: Colin Powell);

Intercessor: Opal Walsh

### Prayer in the silence after communion

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Today is also Remembrance Sunday

Azure electric, an unbroken sky above Serre,  
though a hint of cumulus, a curd summit  
for the church's spire. We've come to measure  
the distance between here and there, past and now,  
from wood to village, time as study in geography –  
days measured in inches, months in yards gained,  
a decade in how long it took to plot the remains  
the ploughman surveys the field's annual harvest  
of chalk and bone. They buried them where they fell,  
the guidebook says, gravestones bring other news:  
Lest we and Greater Love, Nobly and Willingly,  
To the Memory, To the Glory and Pace, Pace, Pace.

*Part of The Pilgrims at Luke Copse by Ivor Gurney,  
quoted in full in Rachel Mann's acclaimed book Fierce  
Imaginations: The Great War, Ritual, Memory and God*

### Next Sunday, Second Sunday before Advent

**Daniel 12.1-3** (reader: Barbara Purvis); Psalm 16; **Hebrews 10.11-25** (reader: Jenny Black); **Mark 13.1-8** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

**Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service**

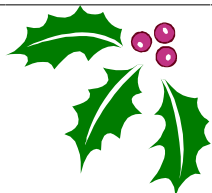
**Today**

No Junior Christmas Carollers practice today. All keen young songsters welcome next Sunday. Talk to Rachel Gilmore for details/to sign up.

**This week and further ahead**

Tuesday 13 November 7.30pm in the Hall: Quiz Night with Quiz Master the Revd Mark Hewerdine. Wine, nibbles and raffle. **Toys for the Wood Street Mission Toy appeal will be collected at this event.**

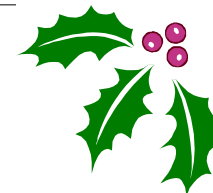
Thursday 15 November 10.00am Holy Communion **in the Hall.** All weekday services in the Hall until February



**St Chad's Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 24 November** (*Doors open at 11.30am*)

**Santa, cafe, children's activities, stalls...**



**Please help stock these stalls:**

Books, gifts, bottle tombola, jewelry, plants, mulled wine, raffle prizes, ...

*Use the boxes by the grand piano or see a churchwarden*

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*Help needed 6.30pm on evenings of Thursday/Friday 22/23 November to clear chairs from the Nave/set up stalls*

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Friday 30 November 7.00pm – 9.30pm in the Rectory: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of a new discussion group *Theology Meets Life*. Guest speaker: Cemil Egeli on ***Spirituality & Counselling***. More details from Mark

Sunday 9 December Our Eucharist will be a shorter said service at 9.30am to enable us to attend the 10.30am Christingle and 90th Birthday Celebration at St Nicholas, with Bishop Mark. Lunch will follow the service. "Everyone is most welcome to join us for the service and luncheon."

**Traidcraft**

Christmas catalogues now available. Please place your orders for Christmas cards and gifts and, especially, Advent calendars as soon as possible.

You may have seen in the media that Traidcraft was facing possible closure. Happily this has now been avoided so Traidcraft stalls in churches, which we have had at St Chad's for more than 30 years, will continue.