

# Warm Welcome to St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield

*Following Jesus; Celebrating Life; Welcoming All*

3rd December 2023 – First Sunday of Advent

**10.00am Eucharist Service**

Leader: Tim Gill  
Preacher: Sam Ellmore  
Officiant: Tim Gill



**4.00pm Advent Carols**

Leader: Sam Ellmore & Choir  
Preacher: Tim Gill

**Holy Communion – Thursday at 9.30am**

*As you prepare for worship today you might like to reflect on this prayer.*

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;  
through him 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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## Evening Services

Please Note the evening Services from now until the end of March 2024 will be at 4.00pm.

## Food Bank

Donations in kind can now be made to support the St Paul's Food Bank. Please leave in the boxes at the back of church – Thank You, Katharine.

## Pastoral Care

During these unusual times it is difficult to be always aware of any members of the congregation who are unwell or in need of prayer, so if you know of any such concern it would be helpful if you could let Tim or Stephanie know. Thank you.

## The Children's Society - Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who sponsored my walk for "The Children's Society". It made £350.00. much love Pat. xx

## Sheffield Diocesan Podcasts

The Diocese has recently started a weekly podcast called Words of Grace. Tim was interviewed a couple of weeks ago and the interview is available on the church website, along with a link to the Words of Grace podcast series.  
<https://stmarysecclfield.org.uk/>

## Prayer Requests

All prayer requests are welcome, but we ask that if you put a name on the list for prayer – firstly you have asked permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer, secondly that your initials are with the request and that where possible you keep us updated on progress. Due to the number of people needing prayer we are now having a weekly list and a monthly one. If you have requested prayer and the name seems to have been removed and they are still in need of prayer please ask for the name to be put back. Generally names will be on for four weeks but that can always be extended. Thank you for your understanding.

## DBS Checks

It is now well over 3 years since most of our volunteers had their DBS issued for church roles. The new ruling is that DBS checks have to be updated every 3 years. Unless you have recently obtained your DBS could you please get in touch with me to start the application process? You can always check with me if your role requires a DBS check. Thank you, Andrea Whittaker.

**Sunday 17th December 2023**

Join the local businesses on your High Street for free mince pies, mulled wine, festive cheer and more!

Head up the High Street from 2.30pm before the Christingle at St Mary's Church, which starts at 4pm.

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CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS!

FESTIVE ACTIVITIES!

MULLED WINE!

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Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*We light the first candle*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

10.00am 3rd December 2023 – Advent Sunday Year B

**Isaiah 64:1-9.**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**Mark 13:24-end.**

“But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, 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.”

# 11

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1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.
  2. Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?
  3. Alleluia, bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
  4. Alleluia, King eternal,  
lie the Lord of, lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth his footstool, heav'n his throne;  
he within the veil has entered  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
he on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.
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# 16

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1. All heav'n declares  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
For ever he will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship him alone.
  2. I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who once was slain  
to reconcile us all to God.  
For ever you will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship you alone.
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# 3

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1. A brighter dawn is breaking,  
and earth with praise is waking;  
for thou, O King most highest,  
the pow'r of death defiest.
2. And thou hast come victorious,  
with risen body glorious,  
who now for ever livest,  
and life abundant givest.
3. O free the world from blindness,  
and fill the earth with kindness,  
give sinners resurrection,  
bring striving to perfection.
4. In sickness give us healing,  
in doubt thy clear revealing,  
that praise to thee be given  
in earth as in thy heaven.

1. Alleluia ...
2. Jesus is Lord ...
3. And I love him ...
4. Christ is risen ...

*Additional verses may be composed to suit the occasion. For example:*

5. Send your Spirit ...
  6. Abba, Father .. .
  7. Come, Lord Jesus ...
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*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and is risen.
  3. We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever.
  4. God has proclaimed the just reward:  
'Life for us all, alleluia!'
  5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.
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## Children's Hymn

1. Father, we love you,  
we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.
2. Jesus, we love you .....
3. Spirit, we love you .....