



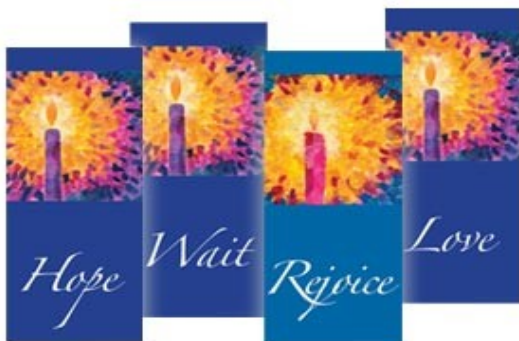
Gospel Reading Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" '

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:
The Sick: Kate Booth, Mark Brown, Yvonne Heron, Dave Pope, Ben Dieduksman, Doreen Johnson and families, Julia Wood, Vic Middleton, David Baker
R I P: William Edgar, Revd Andrew France , Derek Alan Wills, Brian Hersey, Susan Hodgson, Anne Wilkinson

PRAYER MINISTRY is available at every service in the parish. If you would like someone to pray with you, either after Communion or at the end of the service, please approach one of the prayer team (look for their prayer team badges)

TODAY: Sunday 10th December— Advent 2

6.00 pm St James Advent Reflections

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 17th December

Advent 3

8am	St James	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Mary	Family Communion
9.30am	St Aidan	Service of the Word
11.15am	St James	Family Communion
4.00pm	St Aidan	Christingle Service
6.00pm	St Aidan	Healing Service

Collect for Today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Old Testament Readings for Today

Isaiah 40.1-11
Psalm 85.1-2,8-13*

New Testament Reading 2 Peter 3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him

ADVENT RESPONSES WEEK 2 -THE CANDLE OF PEACE

As the second candle is lit the Leader will say:

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader: **Let us pray:**

ALL:

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES: -

The office is open Mon, - Friday from 9.30—

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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH at St Aidan's from 12.30-4.30pm on December 25th. Names and numbers need to be in by December 15th. Numbers are limited so contact Beth or Rachel to request a place.

THE DECEMBER FEAST evening will be held in St Aidan's on Friday December 15th from 7.00pm—9.30pm. Sign up sheets in all the churches.

CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP at St Aidan's Saturday 16th December 10.30— noon for Christingle service on Sunday 17th at 4pm



The group meets on the second Monday of every month, in the Chantry Tea Room . The next meeting will be on Monday

DECEMBER 18th at 10.30am Everyone is welcome. .Details from Gena Fleming on 515741.

WEDNESDAY HOME GROUP meets at 15 Bankside on Wednesday 13th December at 7 pm Details from Revd Cooper

ST MARY'S CLEANING—Saturday December 16th at 10m or come for a cuppa around 10.45am. All welcome

LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH (LYCiG)

Dates for your diary for two six week courses, to be run in the parish. There are two times/venues to choose from, as follows:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and

MARCH 3rd & 10th at 10am in St James Vestry

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4th , 11th, 18th, 25th & MARCH 4th & 11th at 6pm in St Aidan's

Everyone is welcome to attend (come to whatever sessions you can) to help us to set the parish vision for growth. Details from Revd Jeremy Cooper.



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 'Your Christmas Journey'

is a lovely little booklet offering reflections for Advent and the week from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day. An ideal

way to focus in a few moments of reflection on the reality of the message 'God with us'. Available from all the churches of from Rachel Hudson.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

We would like to congratulate Rachel Hudson on her appointment as Curate to Cramlington Parish. Rachel's temporary Curacy will come to an end on April 22nd 2018. We give thanks for both Rachel and Chris's invaluable ministry in Morpeth and wish them all the best as they move on.

WHALTON UNIT CAROL SERVICE will be held on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. This will be a traditional carol service and it would be good to have a few people there from the parish. More information from Harriet 07736108771

MOTHERS UNION DEANERY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE will be held in St James tomorrow, **MONDAY 11th December at 7pm.** Everyone welcome