

BEAUCHAMP NEWS

December 2016



Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty. (Charles Wesley) The Four Last Things - Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell - have been traditional themes for Advent meditation.

The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' - 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and sparse, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. (at St Leonard's we use blue in Advent)

In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice.

The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday') The rose pink advent candle is lit and many churches uses pink vestments. The last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

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1	T	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria : Charles de Foucauld</i>	Fr Graham
2	F	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr John
3	S	1000	Low Mass	<i>Feria : St Francis Xavier</i>	Fr Graham

4 Second Sunday of Advent

		0800	Low Mass		Fr John
		1100	Sung Mass		Fr Peter/The Ven Robert Jones

5	M	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Graham
6	T	0800	Low Mass	Nicholas	Fr John
7	W	1000	Low Mass	Ambrose	Fr Ian
8	T	1800	Low Mass	Conception of the BVM	Fr John
9	F	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Ian
10	S	1000	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Ian

11 Third Sunday of Advent

		0800	Low Mass		Fr Peter
		1100	Sung Mass		Fr Peter/TBA

12	M	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Peter
13	T	0800	Low Mass	Lucy	Fr John
14	W	1000	Low Mass	John of the Cross	Fr Peter
15	T	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Graham
16	F	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Ian
17	S	1000	Low Mass	O Sapientia (O Wisdom)	Fr Peter

18 Fourth Sunday of Advent O Adonai (O Lord)

		0800	Low Mass		Fr John
		1100	Sung Mass		Fr Peter/TBA

19	M	1800	Low Mass	<i>O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)</i>	Fr Peter
20	T	0800	Low Mass	<i>O Clavis David (O Key of David)</i>	Fr John
21		1000	Low Mass	<i>O Oriens (O Dayspring)</i>	Fr John
22	T	1800	Low Mass	<i>O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)</i>	Fr Graham
23	F	1800	Low Mass	<i>O Emmanuel (O God with us)</i>	Fr Ian

24 Christmas Eve

		1000	Morning Mass of the Eve of Christmas		Fr John
		2100	Midnight Mass & Blessing of the Crib		Fr Peter/Fr Peter

25 Christmas Day

		0800	Low Mass		Fr John
		1100	Solemn Mass		Fr Graham/Fr John

26	M	1000	Low Mass	Stephen	Fr John
27	T	0800	Low Mass	John	Fr John
28	W	1000	Low Mass	Holy Innocents	Fr Peter
29	T	1800	Low Mass	Thomas Becket	Fr Graham
30	F	1800	Low Mass	<i>Feria</i>	Fr Ian
31	S	1000	Low Mass	John Wyclif	Fr Peter

Crocuses

Hopefully in the spring, we shall see some crocuses appearing in the grounds of the Community (squirrels permitting).

They have been given by Malvern Rotary Club to promote Rotary International's campaign to eradicate Polio from all parts of the world.

The millions of purple crocuses planted worldwide represent the millions of children who are now safe from Polio as a result of receiving the inoculation.

The crocuses planted have been chosen for their purple colour which is the same as the dab of colour put on a child's finger to show the inoculation has been given. I have given a donation to Rotary for the crocuses.

Roger Watson

Cold Cloisters—Soaring Heating

Chris has done as much as he can to improve the catch on the Cloister door from the Quadrangle. Regrettably there's no more that he can do.

Can I please ask that you ensure the door is closed after entering or leaving.

We must preserved the heat!

John Tinnion

Garden Club Christmas Draw

ALL WELCOME!!

Tuesday 6th at 11.00am

Drinks and nibbles.

Tickets for the Christmas Draw are still available from Megan, Judith, Diana Q, Colin H and Sheila

Many great prizes and my thanks to all who have donated and for your support.

Sheila

The Christmas Shine!

Thursday 22: 1.00-2.00pm

Please come along to the Boardroom and help to make the church silver and brassware shine for Christmas!

Refreshments to revive the workers will be served!

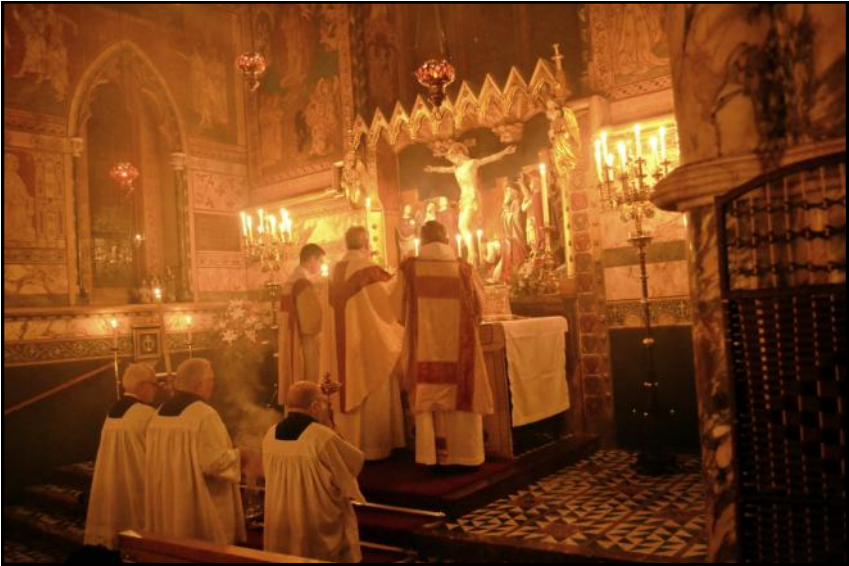
Colin



Visiting Preacher

Sunday 4th

The Venerable Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester, Coffee in the Boardroom after the Service.



Christmas at St Leonard's

Midnight Mass by Candlelight

Christmas Eve at 9.00pm

The first Mass of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day

8.00am Low Mass

11.00am Solemn Mass

Christmas Tea

Wednesday 14th at 4.00pm

Please note that in response to the general feeling of residents at the discussion meetings earlier in the year, the Warden after consultation with the Trustees has arranged for there to be a Champagne **Christmas Tea Party for residents only**, in place of the 'Trustees' Dinner.'

The Trustees have been invited.

New Year's Eve Party at 9.30pm

for Beauchamp Residents and Congregation

A different format this year, starting at 9.30pm wine and canapés will be served during the evening and of course, Champagne at midnight with Big Ben on the big screen!

Instead of a slide-show this year, Colin will show on the big screen our new Church & Community website, so residents who don't have a computer can see it..it's packed with wonderful photos and videos!