

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December readings:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah Ch 61 v1-4, 8-end

1 Thessalonians Ch5 v16-24

John Ch1 v6-8, 19-28

**Hymns:**

**259** Hail to the Lord's anointed

**Leaflet** Longing for light

**419** Lord the light of your world is shining

**221** God is working his purpose out

**Collect**

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.

**Prayer for the week**

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ  
Our Lord. Amen

**St Aidan's Verse for 2023**

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. (Psalm 55 v 22)

**Verse for the week**

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians Ch5 v 23

In our intercessions, we are asked to **remember those in need:**

Katharine Watts, Julie Shute, Margaret Taylor, Tony Mabbatt, Stuart Greenway, Callum Turner, Linda Chambers, Kim Herd, Elaine Turner, Lynee Wells, John and Brenda Mangion, Violet Doyle, Dennis and Jean Pogose, Audrey Pegrum, Lee Jackson, Robert Saints, Anmarie Ayoub, Tammy Bartlett, Helen Bartlett, Muriel Hill, Lydia Petitt, Hilda Pipes, Stephen Sturrock, Mac McCarthy, Elaine Harris, Kevin Barber, Rob Symonds, Lin Edwards, Harvey Saints, Pam Searle.



**Those who have recently departed:**

Barbara Armitage, Sue Gray

**And those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

Laurie Ives, Jack Poskitt, Bridget Ross, Vic Bristow, Norman Handford,

**We also remember those living in residential care or are housebound and less able to get to Church:**

Jean Jones, Betty Burton, Margaret Brooks, Dot Bartlett, Dulcie Moore, Beryl Bristow, Florrie Webb, Jean Lewis.

**Readings for 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel Ch7 v1-11,16

Romans Ch16 v25-27

Luke Ch1 v26-38

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Midnight Communion**

Isaiah Ch52 v7-10

Hebrews Ch1 v1-4

John Ch1 v1-14