

**The Parish Church of St Laurence,  
Long Eaton**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**9.30am Parish Mass**

**Green Hymn Book**

**Entrance – 5**

**Offertory – 9**

**Communion – 465**

**Final – 14**

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL RITE &  
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Priest:** On this First Sunday of Advent we are reminded that this is a season of watchfulness. We await the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ - not only his first coming in the stable at Bethlehem, but also his second coming at the end of time.

In our readings from Scripture the prophet Isaiah recalls God's past goodness to his people and pleads with him to save a people that has strayed far from God's way. But now, says St Paul in our Second Reading, we steadfastly await the coming of Christ in glory and God is faithful to his promise of salvation.

Because of this, the Gospel calls on us to stay awake because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.

The First Candle is lit in our Advent Wreath to remind us to be watchful for the Lord's coming, as were God's people of old.

**The FIRST ADVENT CANDLE is lit.**

**Priest:** As we prepare for the Lord's coming in our Mass, let us pray that we may walk in his light, and that we may be found ready and watching when he comes in glory and judgement. So, let us be quiet now, and ask for the Lord's peace and salvation.

**There is a period of silence and then the priest sings:**

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to reveal your Father's love.

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison (sung first by priest & then repeated by people)**

Christ Jesus, by your dying and rising you have given us the promise of eternal life.

**Christe, Christe eleison**

Lord Jesus, you ask us to be ready, watching and waiting for your coming.

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison**

**The priest says the absolution.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

**The Collect is said.**

**The Mass continues as usual (page 4 of the service books).**

**Collect**

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 lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading**

Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8

**Response to the Psalm**

God of hosts, bring us back;  
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

**Gospel Acclamation**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

Mark 13: 33-37

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Father, from all you give us we present this bread and  
wine. As we serve you now, accept our offering and  
sustain us with your promise of eternal life.



**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord will shower his gifts,  
and our land will yield its fruit.

**Prayer after Communion**

Father, may our communion teach us to love heaven.  
May its promise and hope guide our way to earth.

**TODAY**

We welcome David Butterworth as our Organist.

**We regret that we are not able to serve  
refreshments after Mass today.**



Please join us at **4.00 pm** for

**A SERVICE OF ADVENT  
LESSONS & CAROLS**

*Following the service,  
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies  
will be served at the back of church*



**SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December St Nicholas**

10.00am Mass

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

12 noon Mass

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.30am Parish Mass

11.30am Holy Baptism *Jace Rippon-Mill*

**EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS**

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**CHRISTMAS CRACKER CONCERT  
with Long Eaton Silver Prize Band**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
in St Laurence's Church

*Tickets £7 (to include refreshments) now on sale  
IN AID OF THE CHURCH ROOF FUND*

**ADVENT QUIET DAY**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 4.30pm  
at Holy Cross Convent, Costock

*The day will be led by Fr Tom Barnfather*

*Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend. Offers of lifts to others would be appreciated.*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Donations towards flowers to decorate the church at Christmas are invited. Joan Warren or Pat Taft will be pleased to receive them. Thank you.

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