

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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**The First Sunday of Advent**

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Please take it home with you. Words in **bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. **Cards to put in the collection plate are also available on the table near the entrance.** Our Advent appeal this year is for Water Aid. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

## ENTRANCE HYMN 6

*The president today is the Revd Jane Walker, who introduces the service. Please remain standing for the greeting and act of penitence.*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The prayer to mark the lighting of the first Advent Candle is led by the choir.*

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.**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*A time of silent prayer follows, then:*

Heavenly Father,

you have created a universe of light:

**forgive us when we return to darkness.**

you are the light of the world:

**cleanse and heal us from our sins,**

give us light in our hearts

**and renew us in faith and love.**

**Amen.**

*The Kyries are sung by the choir. Then:*

May almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on us,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness

and keep us in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT: the prayer for this Sunday

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect.*

*At the end: **Amen.***

*Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.*

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;

and he shall execute justice and

righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live

in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our

righteousness."

*At the end: This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25: 1-10**

*To a famous Welsh tune, please hum along...*

LORD, to you my soul is lifted.  
Let me never be ashamed  
that I trust in you to keep me  
though I seem to wait in vain.  
in your holy will instruct me.  
Lord, remember all your love;  
For the faults and falls behind me  
In your grace, forget my sins.

Turn to me in grace and mercy,  
as I suffer all alone.  
Take away my sin and sadness,  
all the trouble I have known.  
On your people, LORD, have mercy  
May my fierce and spiteful foes  
not succeed to harm or curse me.  
In your faithfulness I hope.

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia!  
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.  
Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.  
**Alleluia!**  
**Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**  
**Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**  
Prepare a way for the Lord, make God's  
pathway straight, and all the earth shall see  
the saving love of God.  
**Alleluia!....**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 21: 25-36

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit down for the sermon. The preacher  
today is the Revd Richard Young.*

*After the sermon there will be a time of silence.  
Then all please stand with the president for the  
Profession of Faith (from the Athanasian Creed)*  
We proclaim the Church's faith  
in Jesus Christ:

**We believe and declare  
that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God is both divine and human.**

God, of one being with the Father:  
the only son from before time began;  
**human from the being of his mother,  
born in the world.**

Fully God and fully human;  
one human person with mind and body.

**As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.**

Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.

**One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God.**

Truly one,  
not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
**but by being one person.**

For as mind and body  
form one human being,  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh  
and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayer of the  
Faithful.*

*After each section:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*After the final section (for the departed) there will  
be a time of silent prayer.*

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon  
us, to give light to those who dwell in  
darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace:  
the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 7**

*There will be a collection. The offerings of the people and the bread and wine are brought to the altar. The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we all respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:*

.....for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup.*

.....Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end of the prayer the president says:*

.....all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever:  
**Amen.**

*The President introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

ملکوت تو ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد،  
بر زمین نیز کرده بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است،  
و قرض های ما شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.  
و را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم،  
ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.  
زیرا ملکوت و قوت و جلالنا ابدالابد از آن تو است،  
آمین.

*We sit or kneel as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.**

*The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, as well as communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing.*

*During communion, please join in People look East. When all have received holy communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle.*

*At the end of a time of stillness and quiet all please stand with the President.*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer.*

O Lord our God, make us watchful  
and keep us faithful as we await the coming  
of your Son our Lord;

**that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### HYMN 3

*PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness  
shine upon you, scatter the darkness from  
before your path, and make you ready to  
meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son + and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

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MONDAY 2nd

**1930 Eucharist**

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Poetry Group, at 15 Clifton Avenue**

THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

**1200 Eucharist**

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

**1000 Foodbank**

**1000 Education Series Episode 3: The Irish  
Community in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Manchester.**

NEXT SUNDAY December 8<sup>th</sup>

**1000 Sung Eucharist for Advent 2**

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People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:  
love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:  
love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today:  
love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim

One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,

Bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:  
love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:  
love, the Lord, is on the way.

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