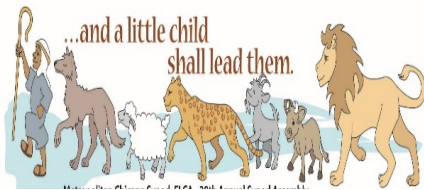


# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words **in bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available for donations. It is our tradition to be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

*When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

## ENTRANCE HYMN 5

*The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth. 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 second Advent Candle is led by the choir.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever.

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement: for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

*A time of silent prayer follows, then:*

Most merciful and loving God, you call us to repent of our sins:

**soften our proud and stubborn hearts;**

you declare forgiveness

for all who turn to you in faith:

**teach us to forgive one another;**

you search our hearts and show us the truth:

**lead us in the ways of goodness and peace.**

*The Kyries are sung by the choir.*

*The president says the absolution.*

Mary 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 Isaiah 2: 1-11

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with his breath he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72 May all nations be blest in him**

*v. 17c* May all na - tions be blest in him.



Give the king your judgements, O God,  
and your righteousness to the son of a king.  
Then shall he judge your people righteously  
and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace,  
and the little hills righteousness for the people.  
May he defend the poor, deliver the children  
of the needy and crush the oppressor.  
May he live as long as the sun and moon  
endure, from one generation to another.

May he come down like rain  
upon the mown grass,  
like the showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall righteousness flourish,  
and abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.

**SECOND READING** Romans 13: 11-end

*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** Matthew 3: 1-12

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit down. The preacher today is the Revd  
Jane Walker. After the sermon there will be a  
time of silence. Then all please stand with the  
president for the PROFESSION OF FAITH:*

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven**

**and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true**

**God**

**from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake**

**he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*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 9

*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 company of heaven:  
.....to proclaim your glory - 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 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.**

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. Receiving from the chalice is optional. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion, the choir sings a version of Hymn 501 and the Taizé chant shown.*

*When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle and there will be a time of stillness and quiet. Then all please stand with the President.*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer.*

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. Amen**

**HYMN 12**

*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 5<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Eucharist**

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Advent Course: Peace**

THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> BVM

**1930 Eucharist**

SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup>

**1000 Foodbank**

NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> Advent 3

**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Wait for the Lord whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

Our Advent Charity this year is **Safe Passage UK**, who work to help child refugees reunite with family across Europe.  
<https://www.safepassage.org.uk/donate>

