

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Advent 1 Year 2

Mon 28th November

Feria

Intention: Crowland Schools
Electoral Roll: Jo James
Res. Care: Win and Ivy Martin

Tues. 29th November

Feria

7.30pm MothersqUnion Meeting at St. Agnesq
Intention: St. Edward's Schools
Electoral Roll: Errol Joseph
The Departed: Caroline Easterbrook, Henry Heiffer

Wed. 30th November

St. Andrew, Apostle

8pm PCC Meeting - Parish Centre in the John Jones Room
Intention: The Parish
Electoral Roll: Jean Joynson
The Departed: Louisa Hilton, Susan Gates

Thurs. 1st December

Feria

9.30am Morning Prayer
Intention: Social Workers
Electoral Roll: Kerry Lawson
We pray for the sick: Christine Minnis, Ronnie Meah, Lee Frost, Dennis Clark, Maud Hardwick, John Wright, Joan Wright, Bill Murray, Fr. Michael Hore, Fr. Bill Kirkpatrick, Fr. Ken Leech, Fr. Jim Cotter, Stuart Hayward, Dorothy Meah and Rosemary Warner

Fri. 2nd December

Feria

Intention: Youth Workers
Electoral Roll: Sylvia Marshall
The Departed: Francis Dormer Pierce, (Priest)

Sat. 3rd December

S. Francis Xavier, Pr

Intention: HPA/SOLW
Electoral Roll: Ivy Martin

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DISCO

7 - 11pm at St. Agnes' Church Hall, Jutsums Lane

Contact Sylvie on 01708 754928

In aid of church funds - everyone welcome - £5 adult £3child



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ADVENT 1

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Associate Minister: The Revd. Suzanne Mayes

Churchwardens: Mrs. Phyllis Dearsley and Mr. Graham Gore

Welcome to Mass

Sunday, 27th November

Advent Sunday

9am Mass at St. Agnes'

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

Preacher: Fr. Alan Perry

Hymns: NEH – 3, 5, 257, 343 & 341, 7

If you are a Newcomer.....please ask
a member of the Welcome Team for a *Welcome Booklet*.

- *The Church of England invites all who receive the Sacrament in their own church to do so at our altar. If you wish a blessing, please come to the altar step and place your hand on your heart.*
- *Please join us after the service for refreshments*

*We pray for the recently departed and for those whose Anniversary falls today,
Francis Hammond, Harry Farrow, Alistair Dedman*

(Memorial flowers may be arranged through Pat Harris or Margaret Pettit)

READING FOR: Advent 1 Year B

FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence . . . as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil . . . to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80.1–7, 16–18

R Restore us, O God of hosts;
Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind . . . just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you . . . so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL Mark 13.24–37

.Jesus said to his disciples: In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds+with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake .

for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.q

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER G: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Church of England receives no State or outside support and depends on your generosity to maintain our service in this area. i.e. If you are a UK Tax payer, please place your donation in GIFT AID envelope (from the back of the church) and fill in the details required. **We can then claim back the Income Tax you have already paid.**

St. Andrewꝰ £100 Planned Giving (BOs averaged) £323.50 **TOTAL £423.50**
(We need to raise £650 per week)

NEXT WEEK: Sunday, 3rd December

ADVENT 2

9am Mass at St. Agnes'

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

Preacher: Fr. Gerry Arber

4pm Christingle Celebration at St. Agnes'

Readings :OT Isa 40: 1-11 NT Pet 3: 8-15a Gospel: Mk 1: 1-8

Dates for your Diary

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| December 11th | CANDLE LIT CAROL SERVICE and nine Lessons 6pm at St. Andrew's |
| December 18th | Carol Singing in the streets 4.30pm at St. Andrew's ending up in Cottons Park for Carols in Cottons at 6pm – for more details see Julie Borg. |
| December 24th | CHRISTMAS EVE 4pm Children's Crib Service at St. Andrew's 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS at St. Andrew's |
| December 25th | CHRISTMAS DAY 9am Mass of the Dawn – St. Agnes' 10.30am Mass of the Day – St. Andrew's |

