

## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Today's Psalm is: Psalm 146.4-end

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help,  
whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and / all that is / in them;  
who / keeps his / promise for / ever;  
who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong  
and / bread to / those who / hunger.  
The Lord looses / those that are / bound;  
the Lord opens the / eyes / of the / blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are / bowed / down;  
the / Lord / loves the / righteous;  
the Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the / orphan and / widow;  
but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.  
The Lord shall / reign for / ever;  
your God, O Zion, throughout all / gene/rations.  
/Alle/luia. [or / Praise the / Lord].

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## Prayer at the Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.  
Amen.

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**Winter Festival and the participation of St James' Church.** Thank you to Jennifer Day and those members of the congregation who helped welcome people to St James' and helped serve refreshments.

**Coffee Morning.** Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning yesterday; the amount raised can be found on the noticeboard.

We will be holding the first of our **Advent breakfasts today**. There will be another one next Sunday, 20th from 8.45 am until around 9.20 am. Please sign the list on the noticeboard.

**Christmas cards.** The cards will arrive mid-week when we will need to deliver around the parish **as soon as possible**. Please sign the list on the noticeboard to indicate which streets you can distribute to. Please note that the shaded areas on the grid are roads being delivered to by members of QE Chapel.

**Church Christmas tree. Next Sunday** we will need help after the 10 o'clock service to **decorate the Christmas tree**. Please allow some extra time to stay and help. If you haven't had an opportunity to complete a slip for a **coloured bauble** to remember a loved one, **please do so today**. Spare copies are available in the entrance foyer.

**Christmas Presents.** We would like to support the **Women's Refuge Centre** again this year but please note we have a change from previous years.

- Gifts need to be **brand new**
- Gifts need to be **unwrapped**

Sorry, but the Refuge are unable to accept 'nearly new' or 'unwanted gifts' not in their original cellophane/packing etc. Please consider adding an extra gift to your shopping list and bring in to the office (**this week**) or to the Carol Service. Thank you.

**Carol Service**, 20 December at 6.30 pm. Donations of **mince pies** and other **offers of help** with serving and then clearing up afterwards would be most welcome. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you can help. Thank you.

**Christmas services.** Additional copies are on the entrance hall table.

**A story for Christmas.** The young people of the church are producing another marionette play entitled 'Lost at Christmas'. Performance will be on **Monday 21 December**, 4.00 pm at 64 Glebe Road. Everyone is welcome.

## Cambridge House of Prayer

4 pm Worship

5 pm Prayer

6 pm Community Meal on Tuesdays at Great St Mary's, Wednesdays at St Paul's, Thursdays at Michaelhouse; Fridays at St Paul's. Also on Thursdays from 7.30 pm—9.30 pm, workshop and prayer. See [www.cam-hop.org](http://www.cam-hop.org) for location. All are welcome, do please join to pray.

## Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Kathleen and John Waterhouse
Monday	Edward and Joanne Westrip, Saskia, Christian and Theo
Tuesday	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Wednesday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Thursday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Friday	Maggie Abbott
Saturday	Sunday Achebe

**Please remember to pray for Amy, Charlotte and Sam who were admitted to Holy Communion recently**

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### Church Activities

Choir Practice, Mondays	6.30 pm—7.30 pm, Junior Choir 7.00 pm—8.00 pm, Adult Choir
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### Community Activities

Parent & Toddlers (Thursdays)	Wendy Lane, 244850
Beavers (6-8 yrs)	Brendan Murrill, 07864 056648
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421
Brownies (7-10 yrs, QE Schl)	Kerrie Thackray e-mail 40thbrownies@gmail.com

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**Gift Aid Envelopes** are available at the back of the Church and Transept. Please enable us to claim back tax on your offering.

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# The Weekly Sheet

 13 December 2015

## Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist followed by Advent breakfast
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

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**Welcome to our services.** Rev'd Debbie Ford is our celebrant at both services; Prof David Ford is our preacher at both services.

Hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	<i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>	NEH 12
Offertory:	<i>Longing for light</i>	see insert
Communion:	<i>The race that long in darkness pined</i>	NEH 57
Final:	O come, O come, Emmanuel	NEH 11

The readings are: Zephaniah 3.14-end; Psalm 146.4-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18.

The anthem is *The Lord will come and not be slow* (Tye)

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### This week:

Tuesday 15th	7.30 pm	Home Group
Wednesday 16th	10.15 am	Eucharist
Thursday 17th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Christmas Service at Hinton Grange Care Home
Friday 18th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	12.30 pm	Meditation Group

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### Next Sunday (20 December) is the 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist followed by Advent breakfast
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School The readings will be Micah 5.2-5a; Cantic: Magnificat; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]
<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b> followed by mulled wine and mince pies

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**Please stay for tea/coffee after the 10 o'clock service**