

THIS WEEK

Monday 7.00pm Bell Ringing at Cranborne
Pray for Members of Parliament

Tuesday *Pray that the Church may be ready for the coming of Christ*

Wednesday **Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326**
10.00am Morning Prayer at Edmondsham
10.00am Holy Communion at Woodlands
Pray for the parish of St Nicholas, Edmondsham

Thursday 10.30am Circle Coffee Morning at Cranborne Garden Centre
7.30pm Choir Practice at Cranborne
Pray for fearlessness in speaking the truth

Friday *Pray for the broken that they may find God's healing*

Saturday 1.00pm Wedding at Cranborne
Pray for those who work for justice in the world

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY – ADVENT 2

9.30am Benefice Communion at Cranborne

11.00am Worship for All at Gussage All Saints

11.00am Elevenses – Christingle at Wimborne St Giles

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

There is a basket available at the back of church for the Charity of the Month. During December this will be for **Faithworks** a Christian charity operating throughout Dorset working towards the eradication of homelessness, food poverty and loneliness. It is possible to donate online; bit.ly/DQchofm. Choose the amount and add Gift Aid. Donations by 31/1, Thank you.

Advent Course 2023 - The Invisible Church

Monday evening sessions exploring avenues for growth

2: 11th December: Why don't they come? Welcome & inclusion

3: 18th December: Seeds of hope; what kind of church must we be?

Venue: The Old Vicarage, Cranborne at 7pm

Contact the Rector for more information: rector@kcb.org.uk or 01725 517232

Thank you to everyone who supported or helped with the Christmas Coffee Morning at Edmondsham which raised £200 towards St Nicholas' Church Mission & Outreach to people in need. *Lesley Franklin*

There will be a service to celebrate St Nicholas' Day at Edmondsham Church on **Wednesday, December 6 at 10.00am** followed by coffee & cake and book & card sales. Donations in aid of St Nicholas' Church.

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

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 forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I 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.

GOSPEL

Mark 13.24-end

Jesus said to his disciples: "But 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. "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."

POST COMMUNION

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.

The Quiver

Advent Sunday

December 3, 2023

Mark 13 contains scary stuff, and fear is something the Church is wary of, having been for so long a market leader in purveying it. From cinema to theme park, though, some enjoy a little fear; and fear can be useful, a red light, warning that something is wrong. Advent, with its talk of testing and judgement, is a time to wake up to the truth that I am accountable for my life. This may prompt a measure of fear, but sometimes a little of the right kind of fear is proof that you really are paying attention.

SERVICES TODAY

9.30am **Benefice Communion** at Edmondsham 3 6 5 15

9.30am **Service of the Word** at Woodlands

11.00am **Morning Worship** at Gussage All Saints

11.00am **High Mass** at Wimborne St Giles 495 14 7 276 5

6.00pm **Advent Celebration of Readings & Music** at Cranborne

Give praise and thanks to God and pray for his help and healing:

For the Church: The Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Wimborne
The Episcopal Church of Sudan (Diocese of Nzara & Deanery of Yabongo)
For the World: Nations and their leaders; justice, peace and development.
Refugees and victims of war. the dispossessed, the hungry, the persecuted.
The Middle East

For Jerome Starkey, a journalist in Ukraine and his safety

The housebound: Jean Paine Gerry & Pat Cope Ron Isaacs Geoff Phillips

Those in need : Donovan Docherty Hayley Loader Sheila & Jerry Laker
Katherine Woodland Zachary Jackson Sylvia Gray Frank Russell
Pete Eyres Gill Lee Andrew Sawyer Pam Summers Michael Gould Hilary &
Guy Cherry Thick Carl Burnell Christine Gibbons Jackie Sheen Jax Sharp
Helen Chiari Jim Bolton Sue Day Clifford House Marion Challenor

For those who have died Evelyn Summers Robert Stillman

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