

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm  
Tuesday Friendship Group meet @ 10am  
COGs meet @ 1.30pm  
Community BBQ between 4-8pm  
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 6am  
Parish Council Christmas get together @ 6.30pm  
Thursday Rev Josie @ church from 10am -12 noon

**COMMUNITY BBQ** – is on over the next 3 Tuesdays from 4pm. Tabitha and her husband will be cooking a BBQ in the church car park with meat from his work. Everyone is welcome to come and get some meat to go towards their dinner.

**NINE LESSONS & CAROLS** – is this coming Sunday at 7pm. It's a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit, as we sing some well-known carols and hear the familiar readings. After the service we'll have some champers, tea, coffee, mince pies, shortbread and cake in the hall. It's a yummy way to finish the evening. If you'd like to read one of the passages, please put your name on the Notice Board in the hall and take the reading.

**Please pray for:** Paul; Frances; Isla; Albert, Ivan; Jean; Peggy; Jodi; Jan; Siew; Dennis & Dorothy; Simon, Toni; Peter; Laura; Stephen



*Happy birthday to Tina Window for today;  
Angela Stapleton on 30<sup>th</sup>*

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## Welcome to Worship



### Advent 1

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...**

### Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

**Sentence:** 'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'  
*Mark 13:31*

### Collect of the Day

Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way  
for the coming of your Son,  
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine  
our paths: renew us in faith and hope  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our  
thoughts and claim our love;  
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

### Today's readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Next Week:

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8



Advent confronts us with the preciousness and limits of time: that our lives are an Advent, a prelude, to the life of God to come. While confronting us with the reality that our lives are finite and fragile, these Sundays of Advent also assure us of the mercy of God, who is with us amid all the struggles and challenges of our everyday Advent journey to the dwelling place of God.

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## Advent 1 – Mark 13:24-37

*“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”*

The beginning of the Christian year begins at the end of time: the promised return of Christ at the end of time. In this brief Gospel parable of the master’s return, Jesus articulates the Advent themes of waiting, watchfulness and readiness. Jesus calls us to realise our responsibilities in the present as we dare to look forward to the promise of the future.

Advent is a call to pay attention: to pay attention to the voice of God, the hand of God, the love of God in every joy and sorrow, in every pain and trauma, in every victory and setback before us. Jesus urges us to “watch” this Advent to behold the beauty and wonder and grace of God’s presence in every moment of our lives.

The coming of Christ and his presence among us – as one of us – gives us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned by our merciful Father in heaven.

