

Churchwardens' Chat

We welcome Fr Chris Davidson as our preacher today.

Christingle Service is this afternoon at 3.30pm.

The children make Christingles during the service and we raise money for the important work of the Children's Society.

There will be no Evensong tonight at 5pm.

Advent reading: On Sundays books are available to borrow at the back of the Abbey to aid your preparation for Advent.

We have responded to comments about the pewslip and the hymns can now be found at the top as well as where they are ordered in the service.

Spooner Row Carols around the organ is at 7pm on Monday 23 December. All are welcome. Please park on the north side of Station Road, where there is an adjacent pavement.

This week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon 16 Dec	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Tue 17 Dec	10.30am 12 noon	Centering Presence Midday Prayer
Wed 18 Dec	10.30am 12 noon	Crochet and Conversation Said Eucharist
Thu 19 Dec	12 noon	Midday Prayer (in St Margaret's)
Fri 20 Dec	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Sat 21 Dec		
Sun 22 Dec	8am 10.30am 5pm	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Christmas Carol Service

Wymondham Abbey ❖ Sunday 15 December 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

*Welcome to the Abbey, especially if you are newly with us or visiting.
Use this sheet together with the main Eucharist booklet for the hymns and readings.*

Hymns from New Hymns & Worship Songs: 422, 142 (omit v 3), 220, 106

*Note to **families with young children**: the children will be invited during the Vicar's welcome to go into St Benedict's for Sunday Club. They will then come back into church at the Peace. The children are then welcome to be in the play area or with you in the main seating, as you prefer.*

*After the bell rings, the choir and clergy enter and we all stand to sing **Hymn 422**.*

We begin on page 3.

*Page 4: we sing the **Kyries** to the St Peter's Mass setting by Rob Goodrich.*

*Page 5: **First Reading** – Philippians 4: 4–7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing **Psalm 146: 4–end**. The Choir will sing the response first, which we repeat, and which we then sing after each verse (sung by a solo cantor):



R The Lord shall reign for ever.

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. **R**

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; **R**

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 generations. Alleluia. **R**

*Page 5: we stand for the **Gospel** reading – Luke 3: 7–18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his

sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Page 6: **Sermon** – ‘The Four Last Things: Heaven’.*

*Page 7: **Prayers of Intercession**, during which we pray especially for: The sick and housebound: Zorina Bell, Di Capocci, Julia Parker, David & Marion O’Connor, Elizabeth and Roy Pulsford, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson.*

*Page 8: after the Peace, we sing **Hymn 142** (omit verse 3).*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer**, during which the bread and wine are consecrated, begins on page 9.*

The choir sing the ‘Holy, Holy’ (p10) and ‘Lamb of God’ (p13) from the mass setting by Harold Darke in E.

*Page 14: during the distribution of **Communion** the Choir will sing ‘The Angel Gabriel’ arr. Archer and then we all sing **Hymn 220**.*

*After the **Blessing** we sing **Hymn 106**.*

Organ Voluntary: Prelude on ‘Cross of Jesus’ by Ashley Grote

Please join us for refreshments after the service.



Pastoral visits

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk, 07543 593903
Please note that Fr Andrew’s usual day off is a Monday.