

Churchwardens' Chat

Evensong is tonight at 5pm. Hymns; 5, 249, 15, Readings: Isaiah 64: 1–7, Matthew 11: 2–11, Psalm 80.

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.

Receiving Communion: We are now following the Bishops' guidance in receiving communion in two kinds, ie the bread and wine separately. If you would prefer your bread to be dipped in the wine, please ask Fr Andrew as you receive, and he will do that for you. You are kindly asked not to dip (intinct) your wafer yourself, mainly for hygiene reasons.

This week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon 9 Dec	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Tue 10 Dec	10.30am	Centering Presence
	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Wed 11 Dec	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
	12 noon	Said Eucharist
Thu 12 Dec	9.30am – 11.30	Parent and Toddler group
	12 noon	Midday Prayer (in St Margaret's)
	7pm	Carol-sing-along for Guild members
Fri 13 Dec	12 noon	Midday Prayer
Sat 14 Dec	12.30pm	Wedding: Emily Sarah Andrews and Alexander Simon Lampert-Zakiewicz
	7pm	Cawston Band Christmas Concert
Sun 15 Dec	8am	Said Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	3.30pm	Christingle Service
		No Evensong tonight

Christmas Brass Concert Saturday 14 December, 7pm.

The magnificent Cawston Band will give us a magical evening of traditional carols and Christmas classics.

Tickets available in the shop or use the QR code here!

Adults £12, under 18s free.



Wymondham Abbey ❖ Sunday 8 December 2024

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.

Today we're using New English Hymnal: 10, 12, 299, 466

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 we all stand to sing **Hymn 10.***

We begin on page 3.

At the lighting of the Advent candle we all sing:

<i>The holly bears a blossom as white as any flow'r, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet saviour.</i>	<i>The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.</i>
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*Page 4: we sing the **Kyries** to the St Peter's Mass setting by Rob Goodrich*

*Page 5: **First Reading** – Malachi 3: 1–4*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Today, instead of a Psalm, we sing the **Benedictus** – Luke 1: 68–79.
The Choir will sing the response first, which we repeat, and which we then sing after each verse (sung by a solo cantor):



R *Bles-sed be the Lord___ the God of Is – ra – el.*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty saviour born of the house of his servant David. **R**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, to show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **R**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. **R**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R**

Page 5: we stand for the **Gospel** reading – Luke 3: 1–6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

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

Page 7: **Prayers of Intercession**, during which we pray especially for:

Emily Sarah Andrews and Alexander Simon Lampert-Zakiewicz who are to be married on Saturday,
The sick: Zorina Bell, Di Capocci, David & Marion O’Connor, Julia Parker, Alan Pointer, Roy Pulsford, Jennie Rackham.

Page 8: after the Peace, we sing **Hymn 12**.

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) in the first performance of ‘Cello Mass – Bach, Coleridge and Goodrich.

Page 14: during the distribution of **Communion** the Choir will sing ‘E’en so Lord Jesus quickly come’ by Paul Manz; then we all sing **Hymn 299**. (t499)

After the **Blessing** we sing **Hymn 466**.

Organ Voluntary: Preludes on ‘Moscow’ & ‘Theodoric’ – Robert Fielding

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.

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