

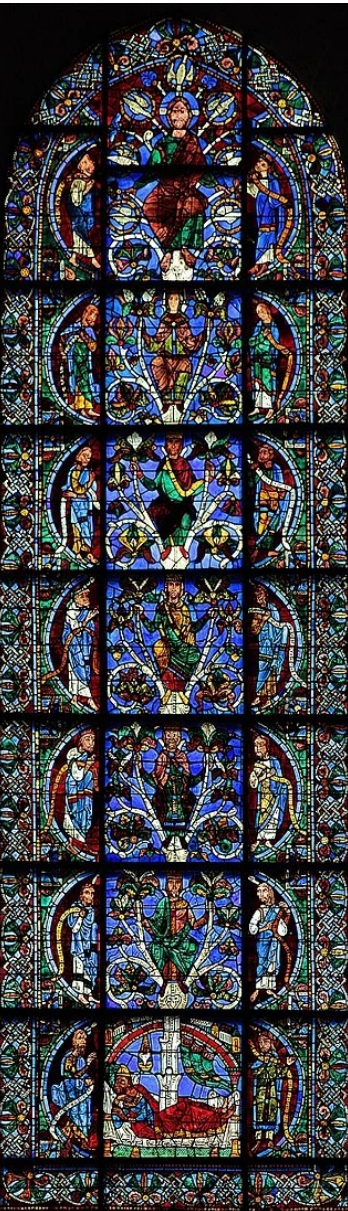
Readings for Advent 2

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.



Jesse Tree, Chartres Cathedral

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from
the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow
out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall
rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
the spirit of counsel and
might,
the spirit of knowledge
and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the
fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what
his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears
hear;
but with righteousness he
shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for
the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with
the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his
lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the
belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt
around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the
lamb,
the leopard shall lie down
with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the
fatling together,
and a little child shall lead
them.
The cow and the bear shall
graze,
their young shall lie down
together;
and the lion shall eat

straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling
shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May
the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to
live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ
Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed
you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has
become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of
God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the
patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for
his mercy. As it is written,
'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';
and again he says,
'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';
and again,
'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';
and again Isaiah says,
'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of
Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke
when he said,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths
straight."'
Now John wore
clothing of camel's hair
with a leather belt
around his waist, and
his food was locusts
and wild honey. Then
the people of
Jerusalem and all
Judea were going out
to him, and all the
region along the
Jordan, and they were
baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for
baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned
you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of
repentance. Do not presume 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.
'I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry
his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his
threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but
the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'



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A confident and experienced administrator, you should possess excellent written and verbal communication skills with a flexible approach and willingness to adapt. This is an interesting and varied role. If you are organised, efficient and are able to prioritise your own work then we would love to hear from you.

Please send the completed Application Form with covering letter to lindac@mardenvale.org.uk
Application Form and full Job Description available at www.mardenvale.org.uk
Closing date for applications Friday 30th December 2022

Crafternoon every Friday 2-4pm Christ Church, Derry Hill

£3 a session (Tea and coffee included) All abilities welcome
Contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196

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Carol Services

Saturday 17th December

3pm Christmas Songs & Carols
Around the Tree, Christ Church

Sunday 18th December

10am Holy Trinity, Family Carol Service
3pm St Peter's, Lessons & Carols
6pm St Mary's Carol Service
6pm St John the Baptist, Lessons & Carols
6pm St Martin's, Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 21st December

7.30pm Blue Christmas, St Mary's

Friday 23rd December

4pm Carols & Nativity, Bremhill Square & Village Hall

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

3pm Christ Church, Carols & Crib Service
Communion
4pm St Mary's, Crib Service
6pm Bowood Chapel, Carol Service
11.15pm St Martin's, Midnight Mass
11.30pm St Mary's, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am St John the Baptist, Family
9.30am St Peter's, BCP Communion
10am St Mary's, Parish Eucharist
10am St Martin's, Family Service
10.45am Holy Trinity, Holy Communion
11am Christ Church, Family Communion



Join us in 2022 - 10 September

Congratulations to Stan Annis and Richard Aylen who organised and participated in local events which raised £414.50 and £357.50 for Calne & Blackland and Christ Church, Derry Hill respectively. Stan and Andy Miller cycled, while Richard & May Aylen gathered a group to walk (see photo).

Thanks to Bowood for providing refreshments to our walkers.



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