



## PEWS NEWS

**Sunday 4th December 2022  
(Second Sunday of Advent)**

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### Services

**Sunday 4th December  
(2nd Sunday of Advent)**

10am - Holy Communion  
Preacher: Revd. Michael Bigg  
10am - St Andrew's 4 Kids  
10am - Baptism

**Tuesday 6th December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (Said)  
3.45pm - Choir Church

**Wednesday 7th December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (online)

**Thursday 8th December**  
9am - Morning Prayer (Said) (online)  
10am - Cottontails/Crib Service  
3.30pm - Messy Church  
9pm - Compline (Said) (online)

**Sunday 11th December  
(3rd Sunday of Advent)**  
8am - Holy Communion (BCP)  
Celebrant: Revd. Michael Bigg  
10am - Nativity Service  
Leader: Revd. Michael Bigg  
6pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)  
Preacher: Revd. Michael Bigg

### Notices

**St Andrews for Kids - Advent 2**  
This Advent the Old Testament lectionary readings are from Isaiah, and the children will also be reflecting on some images from this book of prophecy which is often considered to be written in three parts. Today we're thinking about Second Isaiah (Ch. 40-55), the experience of feeling far from God, and the promise of a return to Jerusalem. Join us in the North Room over coffee to see the visual symbols the children have been using to remember some words of Isaiah. You might want to ask the children which part of the story they liked best, or tell them about some words of Scripture which have encouraged you.

**Rectory Advent Party** All are welcome to celebrate Advent at the Rectory (42 Church Lane) on **Saturday 10th December** between 4.00-8pm. Please pop by at any point for a quick drink and bite to eat - you're welcome to bring a bottle but this is not necessary. Children welcome too!

Following the recent Bible Sunday, and taking up its mission, we're considering running "**The Bible Course**", developed by the Bible Society. It aims to encourage people to explore the Bible, to be more confident and comfortable in reading, studying and talking about it, and to see how it remains relevant to life in the 21st century. The provisional plan is to run the

course during the Epiphany period, after Christmas and before Lent, as a preparation for Easter. The eight sessions will be held in person for up to 10 people. If there's sufficient interest, we can repeat it shortly after. Sample session 1 for free at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/personal-edition/overview/>. There'll be a small charge for the materials. Please express your interest to Dugald Wilson ([llm@girton.church](mailto:llm@girton.church)) or Michael ([rector@girton.church](mailto:rector@girton.church)).

**Mitten Tree Project 2022** Please bring newly-knitted or purchased socks, gloves, hats and scarves (adult or child sizes) to hang on the tree in church, any time up to 17th December. Items will be donated to Jimmy's for people experiencing homelessness in Cambridge, and GrowKids Cambridge for families facing hardship.

**Receiving Communion** All are welcome to receive Communion here. We share wine from a common cup, but understand that not everyone will be comfortable with this. If you don't wish to receive the wine (or have a cough or cold) then simply return to your pew after receiving the bread. Intinction (dipping) of your wafer into the cup is not permitted.

This week, church family members listed for **general prayer** are Jane Hewer, Richard Hinitt, Sheila & Robin Hiley, Stephen Holmes, and Bruce & Wendy Hunter.

### Weekly Readings

Mon 5: Isaiah 45.14-end; Ps 44;  
1 Thessalonians 1  
Tue 6: Isaiah 46; Ps 56, 57;  
1 Thessalonians 2.1-12  
Wed 7: Isaiah 47; Ps 62, 63;  
1 Thessalonians 2.13-end  
Thu 8: Isaiah 48.1-11; Ps 53, 54, 60;  
1 Thessalonians 3  
Fri 9: Isaiah 48.12-end; Ps 85, 86;  
1 Thessalonians 4.1-12  
Sat 10: Isaiah 49.1-13; Ps 145;  
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

**Sunday 11th December**  
am Isaiah 35.1-10; Ps 146.4-10 or Cantic: Magnificat; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11  
pm Isaiah 5.8-30; Ps 12 [14]; Acts 13.13-41; John 5.31-40.