



Sunday 28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent

The Living in Love and Faith Course at St Andrew's Church, Ippelepen, This will be held weekly until Wednesday 8th December from 1.30pm to 3pm

Mission Community Eucharist for St Andrews Day, Tuesday 30th November 7pm at St Andrews, Ippelepen followed by refreshments. Guest preacher Sarah Nichols Chaplain at Channings Wood Prison and newly licensed Reader in the Beacon Parishes. We look forward to welcoming Sarah in her new ministry as a Reader.

Reflective evening prayer at Holy Trinity Torbryan. 4.30pm on 5th December. This time focusing on St Lucy. A time of prayer, poetry, music, silence and song.

Taking some space during Advent

How are you going to mark advent? - read an advent book; go for a walk each day; nominate one or two people to be your 'advent friends' and think, pray and look out for them; have a quiet day or retreat; use an online retreat resource such as the Pray-As-You-Go Advent retreat - this year entitled Stepping Beyond : <https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-2021-stepping-beyond>

Don't forget our Advent Tuesday night gatherings starting on Tuesday 30th with a special Mission Community Eucharist for St Andrew's day at 7pm and then Compline at 7pm on the following three Tuesdays during Advent.

We are holding an Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday 11th December 10am to 1pm in St Andrew's Ippelepen. All welcome.

At this busy time of year, we hope you will be able to make time for some space.

Books and Bric-a-brac wanted for the St Andrew's Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 4th December at St Andrew's Church. If you have any items that you would like to be collected then please contact Vanessa on (01803) 812812.

Coffee Mates takes place in Denbury on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.30-12 noon at Church Cottage, Denbury. All men welcome to join us on Wednesday 8th December.

Christmas Services For our Christmas services please check the latest Beacon magazine, the website and the notice boards.

Denbury Advent Windows 2021. Look for the posters to find which new window is lighting up each evening in Advent, till all are ablaze for Christmas and into the new year. Starting Wednesday, 1st December.

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm	25:1-10	Luke 1:68-79
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9-End	Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel	Luke 21:25-36	Luke 3:1-6

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	29 th	Matt 8:5-11	Thurs	2 nd	Matt 7:21, 24-27
Tue	30 th	Matt 4:18-22	Fri	3 rd	Matt 9:27-31
Wed	1 st	Matt 15:29-37	Sat	4 th	Matt 9:35-10.1, 6-8

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ippelepen
6.00 pm	Mission Community Advent Carols	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.00 am	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (for the zoom password email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 4pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ippelepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily
St John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down's Day Off on Mondays each week.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot (Every Monday - All Welcome!)- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
	7.00 pm	Patronal Festival with refreshments - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
Wednesday	1.30 pm	Living in Love and Faith Course - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	4.30 pm	Youth Choir Practice - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
Friday	11.30 am	Interment of ashes of Marysia Willoughby - St John the Baptist, Woodland
Saturday	2pm-4pm	Christmas Fair - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
Saturday	7.00pm	Community Concert - St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston

Next Sunday 5th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ippelepen
4.30 pm	Reflective Evening Prayer – St Lucy	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Points for Prayer during advent. We pray that we will be ready whenever God comes in our lives:

That the nations of the world will work for peace. That the broken will find healing.

In Memory. Cynthia Floyd, Muriel Hall, Val Denning and Marysia Willoughby.



Reflection by Rev'd Andrew Down

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Advent Sunday marks the beginning of a new church year as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. As T S Eliot puts it in *Little Gidding* V from *Four Quartets*

*'What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from'*

Advent has a theme of expectation and preparation, of watching and waiting for a new dawn - an arrival. The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus* which means arrival. Such beginnings as Eliot reminds us involve endings. So other great themes during Advent are the four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. In order to make a new beginning we focus on the end.

There is a continual thread of love and grace running through all our lives which guides us in our beginnings and endings. It is a thread that spirals round and round (just like the church year does) as we move closer and closer to our ending, closer to love, closer to the heart of God. All this journeying and spiralling so that at our ending we may find a new beginning.



And so we pray this Advent Sunday:

*The Son of God is coming with great power: all people shall see his face and be reborn.
Come Lord Jesus: do not delay!*

*You will bring us wisdom, fresh understanding and new vision.
Come Lord Jesus: do not delay!*

*You will bring us good news and power that will transform our lives.
Come Lord Jesus: do not delay!*

*You will bring us truth showing us the way to the Father.
Come Lord Jesus: do not delay!*

*Born of woman, you will open in our flesh the way of eternal life and joy.
Come Lord Jesus: do not delay!*

The Celtic Church kept 40 days of Advent (beginning on 15th November) with a focus during these days on the three comings of Christ:

1. Christ's first coming at Christmas and all this meant and continues to mean.
2. Christ's second coming in our own lives with our journeys of faith and conversion
3. Christ third coming at the end of time

The Chi Rho Pages (taking the first two letters of the Greek spelling of Christ) from the Lindisfarne Gospels (below) and the Book of Kells (above) give extraordinary artistic expression to this Advent focus on Christ who was, who is and who is to come. Why not find larger images of these pages and have them accompany you on your journey during Advent.



Remember when you see the abbreviation Xmas that X is the Greek letter Chi representing the word Christ and this is what is celebrated in the Chi Rho Pages of the Lindisfarne Gospels and the Book of Kells. A very ancient, Christ centred, practice indeed!

*God of all gods, as I begin these days of preparation, I commit my life to you.
I commit myself to be open to whatever change you call me to make.*

Amen