

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent

Celebrant and Preacher - Rev. Damon Plimmer

Sentence: Restore us again O God: show us the light of your face and we shall be saved. *Psalm 80:3*

Collect: Holy God, throughout the generations the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah; prepare us to receive him, turn us from darkness to the glorious light that is your Son, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

Liturgy: 404

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you.

Stir-Up Sunday, TODAY

The last Sunday of the church's year; this morning we will be cracking eggs and stirring up the ingredients of the Christmas cake, as we get ourselves ready for the season ahead.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people that, richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Small Group Study

Concludes this Wednesday, 7.30 – 9.00pm, at the Horders.

TGI Friday, 1 December

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for this 30 minute service, with a song, a story, a craft and some food to follow.

Advent 1, 3 December

The lighting of the first candle on our Advent wreath.

Working Bee, Saturday 9 December

Help us get the church and grounds ready for Christmas, from 9am. Please bring gardening implements and cleaning equipment.

Bishop's Visit, 17 December

Nine Lessons and Carols

Practices for Nine Lessons and carols are on Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm at the Presbyterian Church Tenby Street. All are welcome and men don't be shy. Contact Marjon Gilbert 443 4921.

The service is on Sunday 17 December, 7.00 pm.

Meditation – new group

A second meditation group has begun, Mondays 5pm-5.45pm.

Contact – Annette Reinheimer 03 443 7633.

Meditation on Fridays, midday, continues as per normal.

Church Open – Thursdays, 12 – 2pm

Anne McNeill will be opening the church on Thursdays over the summer months – for prayer, reflection, healing, or simply for those wanting to enjoy the peace and beauty of our sacred space.

Please pray for...

- Preparations for the season of Advent;
- Tourists and holiday makers;
- Our bishop, Steven Benford, and the Diocesan Office staff;
- Those who work for peace.

Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.

Please join us after the service for light refreshments.

Tom Colvin