**St Thomas’ Church**

*“Building the Kingdom…….”*

At our 10.30am service today - **28th November (Advent Sunday)** – we have the celebration of adult baptisms. The following Sunday **5th December** at the 10.30am service we welcome **Bishop Julian** to celebrate Holy Communion and preach. That evening at 6pm is our Tree Lighting Service.

*Below is the service schedule throughout the season of ADVENT and for our CHRISTMAS celebrations*

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| Sunday 28th November  ADVENT 1 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 21 v 25 - 36  Leader/Celebrant: ES Preacher: DOB Theme: Jesus is coming back  10.30am **Adult Baptisms**Reading: Luke 21 v 25 - 36  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher : ES  6pm Prayer Gathering DOB/GS |
| Wed. 1st December | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Mark 2 v 1 – 22  Leader: ES Preacher: DOB Celebrant: ES |
| Sunday 5th December  ADVENT 2 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 3 v 1 – 6  Leader/Celebrant/Preacher: DOB Theme: Prepare the way for Jesus  10.30am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 3 v 1 – 6  Leader: ES Preacher/Celebrant: **Bishop Julian**  6pm Prayer Gathering/Breaking of Bread **TREE LIGHTING**  Theme: Jesus the Light of the World SH/DOB |
| Wed. 8th December | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Mark 8 v 11 – 9 v 1  Leader: DOB Preacher: VB Celebrant: DOB |
| Sunday 12th December  ADVENT 3 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 3 v 7 – 18  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: ES Theme: Clean hands and hearts  10.30am Holy Communion Reading : Luke 3 v 7 – 18  Leader: DOB Preacher: ES Celebrant: DOB  6pm Prayer Gathering VB/YB |
| Sunday 19th December  ADVENT 4 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 1 v 46 – 55  Leader/Celebrant/Preacher: DOB Theme: Mary’s Song  10.30am Service of the Word Reading: Luke 1 v 46 – 55  Leader: ES Preacher: CB  6pm **Service of Readings and Carols** |
| Friday 24th December  **CHRISTMAS EVE** | **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**  Reading: Luke 2 v 1 – 14 Leader: ES Preacher/Celebrant: DOB |
| Saturday 25th December  **CHRISTMAS DAY** | **10.30am FAMILY CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION**  Reading: John 1 v 1 – 14 Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: ES |
| Sunday 26 December  Christmas 1 | **10.30am Holy Communion**  Reading: Matthew 10 v 17 – 22 Leader/Celebrant: ES Preacher: DOB |

Our morning and evening readings for the coming week:

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|  | **Morning Readings** | **Evening Readings** |
| Monday 29th November  *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church* | Psalm 1;  Isaiah 25 v 1 - 9;  Matthew 12 v 1 - 21 | Psalm 4;  Isaiah 42 v 18 - end;  Revelation 19 |
| Tuesday 30th November  **ANDREW THE APOSTLE** | Psalm 47; Ezekiel 47 v 1 – 12;  John 12 v 20 - 32 | Psalms 87, 96; Zechariah 8 v 20 - end; John 1 v 35 - 42 |
| Wednesday 1st December  *Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916* | Psalm 7; Isaiah 28 v 1 – 13;  Matthew 12 v 38 - end | Psalm 11; Isaiah 43 v 14 - end; Revelation 21 v 1 - 8 |
| Thursday 2nd December | Psalm 15; Isaiah 21 v 1 – 12;  Matthew 10 v 34 – 11 v 1 | Psalm 18; Isaiah 44 v 1 - 8; Revelation 21 v 9 - 21 |
| Friday 3rd December  *Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552* | Psalm 19; Isaiah 29 v 1 – 14;  Matthew 13 v 24 – 43 | Psalm 17; Isaiah 44 v 9 – 23;  Revelation 21 v 22 – 22 v 5 |
| Saturday 4th December  *John of Damascus, monk c 749*  *Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, 1637* | Psalm 9; Isaiah 29 v 15 – end; Matthew 13 v 44 – end | Psalm 24; Isaiah 44 v 24 – 45 v 13; Revelation 22 v 6 - end |

**(the LORD said…) Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.** (2 Chronicles 7 v 15)