

# ***The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough***

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## **30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 2.1-5**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah  
and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall  
be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall  
be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to  
it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up  
to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of  
Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may  
walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth  
instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate  
for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into  
ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither  
shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 122**

**I was glad when they said to me  
'Let us go to God's house'.**

I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'  
Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.  
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.  
For there are the thrones of judgement,  
the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
'May they prosper who love you.  
'Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers. **R**

'For my family and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.  
'Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.' **R**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 13.11-14**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is  
now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For  
salvation is nearer to us now than when we became  
believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us  
then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the  
armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not  
in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and  
licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead,  
put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for  
the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 24.36-44**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no  
one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,  
but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so  
will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those  
days before the flood they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah  
entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood  
came and swept them all away, so too will be the  
coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field;  
one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will  
be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one  
will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know  
on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if  
the owner of the house had known in what part of the  
night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake  
and would not have let his house be broken into.  
Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is  
coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, from all you give us we present this bread and wine. As we serve you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## HYMNS

Entrance:	11
Offertory:	8
Communion:	25
Recessional:	6
Junior Choir:	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> by Harry Dixon Loes (1892-1965)

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## PRAYERS

**Bishops in our diocese:** Martin, Will, Ruth.

**The Sick:** Chris Avery, Felicity Caperon, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Laura Cooper, Barbara Dann, Tracey Divall, Anne Hawken, James Hawthorne, Eileen Head, Chong Lin Khong, Alan Lockett, Rita Miell, Jane, Richard and Tim Mortimer, Tracey Norris, Peter & Cheryl Scrivens, Edward Sibley, Claire Stogden, Catherine Wallis, Andrew, Shelley and family.

**Recently departed:** Harry Newman, Fr Anthony Delves, Diane Reynard, Amanda Crick.

**Year's Mind:** Archie Hughes, Cheryl Rose, Terry Bamford.

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### Advent Evensong

We have a special Evensong at St John's at 4pm this evening, which will include seasonal music, readings and prayers.

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10am	Said Mass
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### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

8am	Said Mass
9am	Family Service
10am	Sung Mass

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

10am	Said Mass
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### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass
4pm	Nine Lessons & Carols

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**WINE TASTING EVENING** hosted by Alteus Wines in aid of Tarmac the Drive Fund at **7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** in St John's School. Tickets at £22 each include sparkling wine on arrival, 5 wine tastings and cheese and biscuits available from Tracey Stevens  
[traceyhstevens@gmail.com](mailto:traceyhstevens@gmail.com).

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**CHRISTMAS SALE** of wreaths/table arrangements and more in aid flowers for Christmas arrangements in church. **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the church hall. Cash only.

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**THANK YOU** to everyone involved with the Quorum concert last Saturday. The evening raised just over £500 towards the Tarmac the Drive Fund.

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**LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE** providing an opportunity to celebrate the lives of loved ones we remember at 5pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints' Church, Crowborough. Donations will be in aid of Hospice in the Weald.

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