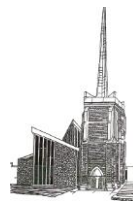


# All Saints, Clifton

ADVENT 3

15<sup>th</sup> December 2019



**8.00 am MASS**

**Collect, Readings & Psalm** – *see below*  
**Address** Fr Charles Sutton

**9.30 am ALL AGE EUCHARIST**  
**Presentation** Mthr Wendy Bray

*Refreshments after in the atrium.*  
*All Age Eucharist is on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Sunday*

**Greetings to everyone.**  
**Please stay for coffee in the atrium**  
**or drinks in the bar.**

*Hymns from New English Hymnal &*  
*New English Praise. Page numbers are*  
*from the Purple Parish Mass Book*

**11.00 am PARISH MASS** *Allcoat*  
*Page 1 - 3 of the Parish Mass Book*

**Entrance Hymn NEH 5**

## Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

## Introduction

## Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 35.1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a

pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Psalm 146

*Tone viii 1*

Come O Lord! \* Come O Lord and save us!

The Lord keepeth his promise for ever; \* he helpeth them to right that suffer=wrong;

He feedeth the hungry; \* the Lord looseth men out of prison.

The Lord giveth sight to the blind; \* the Lord helpeth them that are fallen;

The Lord careth for the righteous; \* the Lord careth for the strangers;

He defendeth the fatherless and widow: \* as for the way of the ungodly/ he turneth it upside=down.

The Lord thy God O Zion shall be King for evermore, \* and throughout all generations.

Come O Lord! \* come O Lord and save us!

## Second Reading

*James 5.7-10*

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*“The Spirit of the Lord”*

## Gospel

*Matthew 11.2-11*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see?

Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.’

**Sermon** Rev. Dr Simon Taylor

**The Creed**

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**Intercessions and Peace**

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**Offertory Hymn** NEH 11 omit v. 2/3

**Eucharistic Prayer**

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**Lord’s Prayer & Preparation for Communion**

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**Anthem**

*E’en so Lord Jesus, quickly come - Paul Manz*

**Communion Hymn CP 213**  
*(Hymn sheet insert)*

**Post Communion**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Blessing, Angelus & Dismissal**      p 14

**Thanksgiving Hymn CP 591**  
*(Hymn sheet insert)*

**Organ**

*Fantasia on ‘Nun komm der Heiden Heiland’ - JS Bach BWV 661*

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**3.00pm Afternoon Service**

**Liz Badman**

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**6.00 pm Evening Prayers**

**Fr Charles Sutton**

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**The Sick & Housebound**

**Sunday** Verity Clark - Marjorie Polyblanc  
Ruth Harding Cynthia Ashford  
Neal Gordon Stephen Ostler  
Ruth Baker Jean Callow Sarah Bradley  
Stuart Haywood

**Monday** John Bradley Robert Paul  
Nicky Cousins

**Tuesday** Chris Callow Elizabeth  
Judy Torrens Margaret Swindale  
Diana Verity Peter Martin  
Ben Hawkins

**Wednesday** Felicity Firth Kate Thomas  
Jean Bradford

**Thursday** Tom Hawkins  
Nancy Kwasnicki Richard Harris  
Matt Mumford

**Friday** Charlotte Hopkins  
Andy & Gina Ford Elizabeth Morgan

**Saturday** Merryn Bradley  
Caroline Semon Roger Durbin (Pr)  
Nicholas Edwards

Lori Houlihan, Alan & Poppy  
All those who come into our church to  
find the comfort of our Sacred Space.

**The Departed**

Brenda Fortin Erica Moore Mark Lewis

**Years’ Minds - this week we remember:**

Dulcie Mason John Dowden Joan Flynn  
Michael Houghton (Bp) James Ostler  
Christine Malet Alec Benton  
Chellathurai Arulanantham Geoff Knott