

FIRST READING**Isaiah 11, 1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion
shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling
shall be glorious.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL READING**Matthew 3: 1-12****All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of
Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke
when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt
around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.
Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to
him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were
baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for
baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned
you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of
repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have
Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from
these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax
is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does
not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry
his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his
threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but
the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord




Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

Advent 2
4th December 2016

Leader Paolo Di Leo
Preacher Steve Wood

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, assistant Curate Paolo Di Leo, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens Dorothy Iszatt and John Farrent.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area

Hymns Old and New – 470 – 172 – 401 – 358 – 16

Organ Voluntary

Before service - Reverie - Noel Rawsthorne

After service - Gavotte. (Suite No 3 in D) – J S Bach

COLLECT

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

INTERCESSION

Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:

Linda Hall, Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, Sue Vaness, Iris White, Olive Greaves,, Alan Gaywood, Michael Pritchard, Gemma O'Neil, Barrie Blewitt, Jack Sapsworth, David Winstanley, Andrea Smith. Jonathon Sieglar, Mark Weedon

Please pray for these church members at home:

Joan Hopkins, Eileen Pidgeon, Joyce Dyson,

We remember before God those who have died:

Ray Foster Jim Rioch, Jack Harris, Ray Meakins, Shirley Tessaromatis, Brian Richardson, Mary King,, Ivor Stredder, Joyce O'Callaghan

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Advent 2	4 th December	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	Parish Communion Toy service Youth club (Karaoke night)
Tuesday	6 th December	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	7 th December	10.15am 11.30am	Parish Centre Communion Talking Elephants
Thursday	9 th December	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee Morning Advent Reflections Parish Centre
Sunday Advent 3	11 th December	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Youth Club (Tenpin Bowling)

NOTICES

Church Decoration for Christmas. If you are willing to help with the church floral decoration will you please sign the list in the Cross Aisle. Arrangements need to be done before the Carol Service on Friday the 16th December and can be done any time during that week. Thank you.

Christmas bows will be available in a box in the cross aisle during December in aid of the Hospice. Please give to this worthwhile charity. Thank you.

Church Coffee Proceeds for October, November and December will support the charity Clicsargent helping children and young people with cancer. (nearest hospital I (GOSH) Great Ormond St.) www.clicsargent.org.uk Thank you .

Future dates for your diary.

8th, 15th and 22nd December Advent reflections led by Paolo in the Parish centre at 8.00 p.m.

16th December – 8.00pm Candlelit Carol service

18th December – 6.30pm Candlelit Carol service