



Parish of Christchurch

We welcome you to St George's church
this Sunday 1st December 2019,
the First Sunday of Advent

We welcome our President for today's services,
Rev Jonathan Edwards

A COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 2; 1-5
New Testament: Romans 13; 11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24; 36-44

TODAY'S HYMNS

209	Hills of the North, rejoice
196	Hark! a herald voice is calling
307	Lo, He comes with clouds descending
461	Such love, warm as the whitest snow
528	Wait for the Lord
Overleaf	Christ be our light

TODAY'S FINAL HYMN:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!

The communion setting we will be using during Advent is a different one. Although the responses are slightly different to the usual ones, they are all sung to the same short tune, which is easy to learn. But please remember to use the enclosed sheet when singing during communion.

A date for your diary?

Eco and Climate Change Action Evening

The Poster on the noticeboard was sent by our Bishop. It is an opportunity be brought up to date on what used to be called Climate Change but is now known as **Climate Crisis**.

In the words of the poster 'Each of us has a responsibility to tackle climate change in order to limit the global warming for which we, human beings, are responsible.'

Tuesday 14th January 7.00pm at Wolvesey, Winchester.

Please would you put it in your diary now?

Eric Johnson

Today the Church celebrates the life and work of Charles Eugene de Foucauld. He was born in 1858 and grew up to become an officer in the cavalry. In 1883 he went on an expedition to Morocco where he developed a passion for North Africa and its ways. Four years later he returned to the Catholic faith and, after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, became a trappiest monk in 1890. Desiring an even more austere life, he left in 1897 and became a servant to the Poor Clares in Jerusalem and Nazareth. He was eventually ordained priest in 1901 and went to live as a hermit in Algeria, ending up at Tamanrasset. He became fluent in the local language and his care and concern for the local tribes-people made him accepted and then much-loved by his followers.

A SUNDAY SMILE:



"It's about time my number came up!
I ran out of money ten years ago!"

Any articles for inclusion in next week's St George's News
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