



The Parable of the Talents



We welcome you to St George's Church this Sunday 19th November 2017, The Second Sunday Before Advent.

We welcome our President for both services today,
Rev Richard Partridge

A COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT:

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Zephaniah 1; 7, 12-18
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5; 1-11
Gospel: Matthew 25; 14-30

TODAY'S HYMNS:

33	Angel voices ever singing
208	Help us to help each other, Lord
449	Soldiers of Christ, Arise
	CHOIR PIECE
312	Lord Jesus, think on me
460	Strengthen for service, Lord

AVON VIEW CARE HOME

Loring Road (off Jumpers Road)

are holding their

CHRISTMAS FÊTE on

Saturday 2nd December

from 10.30 -12.30

Today the church remembers Hilda, Abbess of Whitby. Hilda was born in 614 of the royal house of Northumbria. Baptised in York at the age of twelve by the Roman missionary Paulinus, she was later an influential lay leader of the Church. She was encouraged by Aidan of Lindisfarne to become a Religious, and subsequently established a monastery at Streanaeshalch (now known as Whitby, thank heavens!). This house became a great centre of learning and was the meeting-place for the important Synod of Whitby in the year 664 at which Hilda's rôle was that of a reconciler between the Roman and Celtic traditions. She is remembered as a great educator, exemplified in her nurturing of Caedmon's gift of vernacular song. She died on 17th November in the year 680.

TAKEN FROM 'EXCITING HOLINESS'

Just thought you ought to be aware that Virginia's first lot of surgery has been postponed until the afternoon of 5th December. Please pray that God will give her strength during this difficult time.

Personal Update: By the time you read this, I will have completed four weeks (20 treatments) of radiotherapy with another two weeks (10 treatments) to go. The normal side effects have manifested themselves and I get very tired very quickly, my tummy is a little upset and I have some soreness in the area of my treatment. I would like to thank you all for your good wishes and prayers. Please keep them coming!!

When I had my cancer surgery, Betty Green gave me a copy of a prayer poem which made my experience in hospital a lot less stressful than it might have been. I suggested that it might be a 'cut out and keep' item, and one member of the congregation who very recently had tests to see whether cancer was present, also found inner strength from the Lord; so I thought this might be an opportune time to share that poem again for anybody who is facing upset or uncertainty in their lives and, once again, I recommend that you 'cut out and keep' this short prayer poem.

JUST FOR TODAY

Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially -
I need some extra strength to face what is to be.
This day more than any day I need to feel you near
To fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.

By myself I cannot face the challenge of the hour;
There are times when human beings need a higher power
To help them bear what must be borne and so, dear Lord, I pray:
Hold on to my trembling hand and be with me today.

I am delighted to report that the cancer tests mentioned above came back negative!

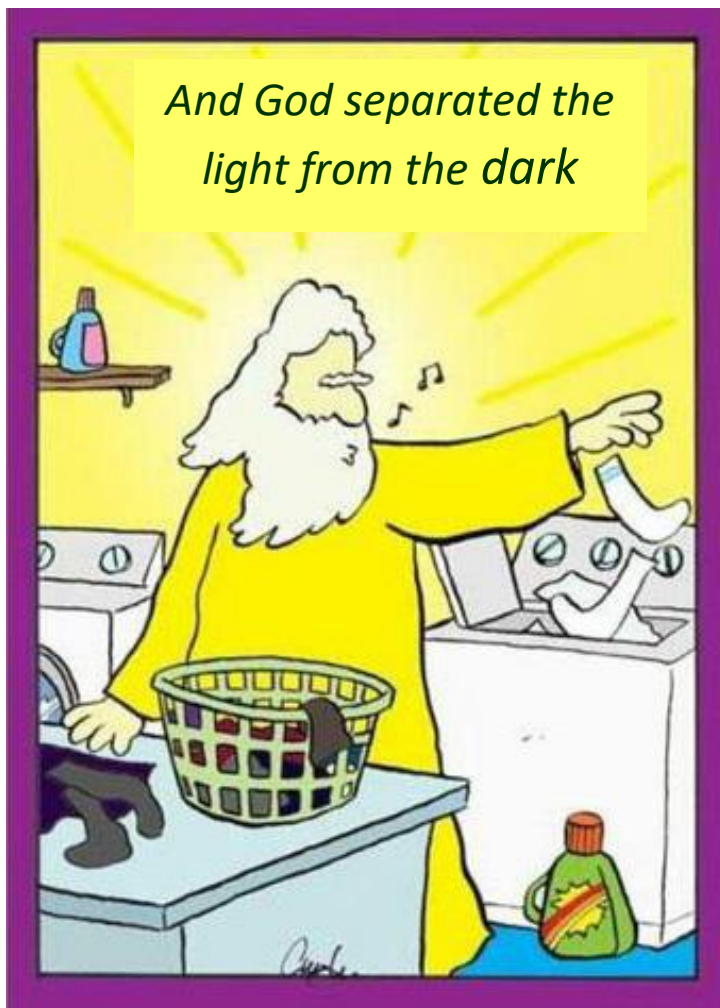
CHRISTMAS 2017 AT ST GEORGE'S

CAROL SERVICE:	3pm, Sunday 17 th December Rev Richard Partridge
CHRISTMAS EVE	9.30am Sunday 24 th December Rev Canon Graham Newton
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	11.30pm Sunday 24 th December Rev David Lund
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.30am Monday 25 th December Revs Eric & Dorrie Johnson

We look forward to seeing you at some (or all) of these services.

Just a reminder that the late Maureen Head's funeral service will be held here at St George's this coming Thursday, 23rd November at 12 noon.

A SUNDAY SMILE:



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