



**The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent – The Patriarchs (Hope)**

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**Today**

**9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Martin's**

**Celebrant & Address: Reverend Charlotte Sleigh**

**Hymns: 26, 33 & 31**

**Organist: Christopher Gower**

**10.30am Sung Parish Eucharist with Sunday Zone at St Paul's**

**Celebrant & Address: Reverend Charlotte Sleigh**

**Hymns: 45, 30, 54, 41**

**Organist: David Rees-Williams**

**5.00pm Candlelit Advent Carols, Cake and Cocoa at St Martin's**

**Parish prayers:** We pray for Mark, Sophie, Harriet, Susan, Sophie, Joyce, Kate and Phillip, Kevin, and Nicola. We pray for Judith Griffiths and Darren Smith who have died. We remember the memorial anniversary of John Vousden.

**Parish contacts:**

**Rector:** *We are currently in a vacancy. Please contact the Wardens via the office.*

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**The Collect:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the world 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 Lesson: Jeremiah 33. 15-16:**

<sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25.1-9:**

<sup>1</sup> Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. <sup>2</sup> For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. <sup>3</sup> Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths. <sup>4</sup> Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. <sup>5</sup> Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. <sup>6</sup> O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. <sup>7</sup> Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way. <sup>8</sup> Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way. <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**(We stand for the Gloria): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end:**

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36:**

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' <sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Post Communion Collect:** 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.**

**Anthem:** The choir will sing *Jerusalem on High*, from the oratorio Hagar, by Revd Sir Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley, bt.

## **NOTICES**

**Advent Carol Service:** Today is our Candlelit Advent Carols, Cake and Cocoa. St Martin's Church 5pm. All are welcome!

**Thanksgiving for the Life of Judith Griffiths:** Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 pm at St Pauls, all are welcome.

**Christmas Leaflets:** We have printed 2000 leaflets advertising our Christmas services to distribute around the parish. Please can you help? Leaflets and a list of roads to choose from are at the back of church. More info from churchwardens.

**Parish Christmas Lunch:** Traditional Christmas lunch after the 10.30 Eucharist at St Paul's. Parish Centre, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Sign up at back of church.

**The Canterbury Community Shelter:** Sign up lists will be at the back of St Paul's. For more information, please ring Jackie 07712432906.

**Advent Course:** Sign up at the back of St Pauls for our Advent Course based on Lucy Winkett's 4 week course So What Are You Waiting For? Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Parish Centre and Wednesdays at 11.30am in St Pauls and a Zoom group on Thursdays at 7pm, email [ra.walters@btinternet.com](mailto:ra.walters@btinternet.com) for your invitation.

**Advent Alert!** Compline and an Advent/Christmas poem from Nov 25<sup>th</sup> on Mondays, 7pm in St Paul's.

**Advent Online:** Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science has produced a series of true short stories related to Advent, including some written Revd Charlotte Sleigh. Topics include 'What Mary and Elizabeth Knew', 'The Shepherd, the Angel and the Scientist' and 'Making New Families'. The stories take about five minutes each to read, and include questions for reflection and discussion. Find them at [www.eclasproject.org/new-narratives/](http://www.eclasproject.org/new-narratives/)

**Pilgrim Post:** If you would like your birthday, wedding anniversary or other special event included in our monthly prayers and good wishes, please let the editor know – details on front page.

### DIARY

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** 7pm Compline and an Advent/Christmas Poem (St Paul's)
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 10.30am Advent Group: Parish Centre
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am Prayer Book Eucharist and Coffee at St Paul's
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>:** 12Noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's  
7pm Advent Group Zoom: email [ra.walters@btinternet.com](mailto:ra.walters@btinternet.com) for invitation.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:** 2.30pm Judith Griffiths Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's  
7.30pm Choir Practice at St Paul's
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>:** **Second Sunday of Advent**  
9.00am Said Eucharist at St Martin's  
10.30am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Paul's  
3.30pm TeaTime Family Service at St Paul's