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Sunday 7th December Welcome to All Saints Bingley

Hymn: 16 All hail the power of Jesu's name

Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

A reading from Isaiah [11:1-10]

A shoot shall come out from the stock 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.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

A reading from Romans [15:4-13]

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that

Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Hymn: 70 Be Thou my vision

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [3:1-12] Glory to you O Lord.

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 axe 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you O Christ

Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded

Communion Hymn: 74 Blessed assurance

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn: 406 Long ago prophets knew

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We ask God's healing for: Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Richard, Edward, Stuart, Stue, Debbie, Chris, Christopher, Janet, Dorothy, Brian, Anne, David, Rosemary, Joyce, David and Jan. We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care: Janet, Jean & Tony.

We pray for our work with children: Our local schools, Mini Church, Messy Church, Youth Group, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.

NOTICES

Christmas tree festival/Christmas fayre weekend.
Stewarding in church - Friday/Saturday/Sunday
Helping with refreshments/tombola in church house — Saturday
Donations of cakes/biscuits that can be served with tea/coffee
Donations for tombola - in gift bag if possible
Sign up sheets are at the back of church

Leeds Diocese -Sudan Link

To begin a series of fundraising events on behalf of our church family - donations from tea/coffee and cake served after church from 23/11 to 14/12 will go towards our appeal.
Thank you for your support, please catch up with either Gill or Shelagh if you would like to offer cakes !!

Celebration of Safe The 'I feel Safe Quilt'

(displayed by our Christmas Tree)

was made by the members, families & friends of Soroptimists, across Yorkshire, artists from Bradford 2025 & students from Craven Pupil Referral Unit

The art installation was made possible by the support of Bingley Nen's Shed

A Night to Remember

Thursday 18th December

Anyone wishing to have names of loved ones read out during the service please email office@bingleyparish.org.uk



Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Diary

Sunday 7th December

8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong

Thursday 11th December

10.30 am	Holy Communion
11.30 am	Community Café

Friday 12th December

2pm-8pm	Christmas Tree Festival
6.30 pm	Carols by the tree with mulled wine & nibbles

Saturday 13th December

10.30am – 4.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival
10.30 am	Christmas Craft Fayre

Sunday 14th December

10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm	Christingle Service

Dates for your diary

Thursday 18th December

7.00 pm	A night to remember (Christmas memorial service)
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Sunday 21st December

6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
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Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4.00 pm	Children's Crib Service
11.15 pm	Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
10.30 am	Christmas Family Eucharist