

Wykeham Benefice Pewsheets. Advent Sunday December 2nd 2018

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works 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.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

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

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

Luke 21.25-36

²⁵ '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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ '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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.'

Post Communion

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.

TONIGHT at 6pm in Shutford, an Advent Carol Service – a short time of peace and reflection before the hectic days ahead overwhelm us

The week ahead

	Ronald and Liz are away for the inside of the week.
Tue 4 th	10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton
Fri 7 th	6pm Benefice Choir Practice in BROUGHTON
Sat 8 th	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford 4pm – 6pm Messy Church in Shutford Village Hall
Sun 9 th	8am BCP HC in Sibford 9.30am HC @ Shutford (BCP) Swalcliffe, and Morning Praise at Sibford 11am HC @ Broughton 4pm St Nicholas Service in Tadmarton 5.15pm St Nicholas Service in Epwell

Benefice Council will meet on Friday January 11th at 7.30pm. in Shutford VH

We shall be discussing the Deanery Mission Plan which is about to be re-written and on which we shall all want to comment; the future of our Benefice News – including the appointment of an editor if it is to continue; music throughout the Benefice; Lent course and Lent lunches; and we urgently need to get ALL THE DATES for parish events in our shared diary to avoid clashes.

ALL PCC members are urged strongly to attend, and everyone else is warmly invited.