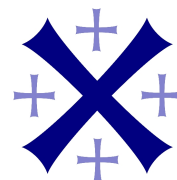


**ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW,
COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN**



Sunday 8th December 2024–2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Benedictus - (The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79)

¹Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

²He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

³Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

⁴To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.

⁵This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

⁶Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

⁷And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

⁸To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.

⁹In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

¹⁰To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:3–11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1–6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

Scriptures for Sunday 15th December - 3rd of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Canticle: Isaiah 12:2–6

Philippians 4:4–7

Luke 3:7–18

Advent Bible Study

18:30 on Wednesday 11th December, every week until 18th December

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248302386?pwd=oLcllFj0xgldSacaWbq7Zlcg53vPjy.1>

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Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew - Charity of the Month for December 2024 and January 2025

Tearfund Middle East Emergency Appeal

The suffering across the region is escalating daily. A year on, the conflict precipitated on the 7th October 2023 is causing devastating humanitarian needs. The lives of men, women and children are being destroyed across the Middle East.

In Gaza, Tearfund's partner is providing life-saving medicine and desperately needed healthcare.

In Lebanon, Tearfund are working through local churches to provide food, mattresses and other essentials to people forced from their homes by the fighting.

In the West Bank, Tearfund are working with the Diocese of Jerusalem who are providing healthcare and education to those affected.