

The Calendar:

4th Dec—John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith c749; Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637; Nicholas, bishop, c 326;
7th—Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397;
8th—Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Weds 6TH DECEMBER
COFFEE SHOP
9.30 AM—12 NOON



Thank you to all who returned their **Giving Renewal pledge** : if you forgot, still not too late! It helps our Treasurer to compile his St Andrew's budget for 2018

Mothers Union Christmas Lunch @ The NW Bowls Club, **Thurs 7th Dec 12 noon**

Sat 9th Dec—FW Jones Funeral Directors Memorial Service in church here @ 3 pm

Chippenham Older Peoples Forum @ Borough Lands Jubilee Buildings, 32 Market Place, Chippenham **Weds 13th Dec @ 2 pm.**

Sat 16th December @ 7.30 pm in Church: Rotary Concert with Police Band and Military Wives Choir, compered by Amanda Parr from BBC

CHIPPENHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER (CCT)

Carols at the Railway Station—**Mon 18th Dec @ 5 pm**

School Carol Services @ St. Andrew's

Abbeyfield—Thurs 14th Dec 7 pm
Kings Lodge—Mon 18th 10 am
Charter—6 pm
Tues 19th—Kings Lodge 6 pm
Weds 20th Monkton Park 1 pm

Items for inclusion in Pewsheet to be with Ros Harford 01249-812190
rosharf31@btinternet.com By Weds evg.

THIS EVENING: Sun 3rd December @ 7.30 pm in Church Charles Dickens' festive tale "A Christmas Carol" Tickets £15 or £10 for under 18's.
Doors open 6.45 serving soft drinks & mince pies.

TICKETS: Jenny Norris /Sue Hollands will be selling tickets today for The Christmas Carol Production :The Rotary Extravaganza on 16th Dec & Lucy Dowling's Christmas Wreath Decoration on 19th Dec, and The Cinderella Opera on Sat 6th January 5 pm—7 pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: New version of St Andrew's Website now up and running. Please use the following address: st.andrewschurch@zen.co.uk Feedback using the new email address for any comments on its use, would be appreciated.

Revelation Resources Centre & Bookshop, sadly closes at the end of January. Selection of Christmas cards, books, gifts available until Christmas. Your support over the years has been appreciated.

Job vacancies @ The Fairways MHA Care Home; details on MHA Careers Website

Mid-Week H.C service : Holy Communion 8.30 am Thursday: **Morning Prayer** 8.30 am Mondays,, Tues, & Sat : **Morning Prayer** 8 am Wednesdays. *Please note that Rod's day off is a Friday*

BE JOYFUL!



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TODAY: SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER
(1st Sunday of ADVENT: Year B)
8 am Said Eucharist—Traditional Language
10 am ALL AGE EUCHARIST
Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9
Gospel: St Mark 13. 24-31
HYMNS: 135, 265, 295,
Faithful One, So Unchanging (Overleaf), 405



WARDEN ON DUTY TODAY: JENNY NORRIS



NEXT SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER
(2nd Sunday of ADVENT: Year B)
8 am ~Said Eucharist—Traditional Language
10 am PARISH EUCHARIST
(Sunday Club meets in the Club Room @ 9.50 am)
Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-8
Gospel: St Mark 1. 1-8
HYMNS: 527, 128, 447, 282

Andys @ 4 pm
(A Service for all the family)
Sunday 10th December



CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVAL
1st– 3rd DECEMBER
Open until 4 pm TODAY- 3rd DEC:

CAROLS ROUND THE PIANO
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
7.30 PM IN CHURCH
WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS:
ALL WELCOME!



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3rd December: (1st Sunday of Advent: Year B)

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.

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.

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

My brothers & sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—

⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**HYMN: Faithful one so unchanging,
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace.**

**Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again (x2)**

**You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
My hope is in you alone.**

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Gospel: St Mark 13. 24-31

Jesus said to his disciples: In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of

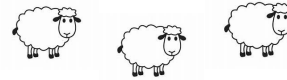
heaven. ²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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Remembering those who have asked for our prayers:

Anne Baker, Mary Beint, Stanley Blake, Tony Bollen, Pauline Buckley, Lisa Cliff, Norman Fox, Steve Goodman, Ken Harrison, Richard Holtham, Carol Iles, Diane Mansfield, Elizabeth McKinlay-Walker, Mary Neate, Jan Sheppard, Debby Whitby, George Winchester, Doris Watt, Eileen Yates; Sharon.
From our visitors: 6 y.o.. James Little, David, Peter, Linda

Communion of Saints & the Departed:



**St Andrew's 9th Annual
Knitted Crib Set**

Pilgrimage 2017!

NOW ON ITS JOURNEY !!!

**Sat 9th December : 10-12 noon:
Coffee Morning in aid of the
Church Flower Fund: Raffle, Tombola, stalls etc**



Lucy Dowling's Christmas Wreath making **evening**
7.30pm Tues 19th Dec in church. £10 inc. please bring your own foliage, accessories & secateurs.

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