

Calendar (Year B begins)
 6th Dec—Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 326; 13th Dec— Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse 304;
 Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784;
 14th—John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher, 1591



St Andrew's Knitted Crib Pilgrimage 2023 now on its
 Advent Journey

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SUN 10TH DEC: 3 PM IN CHURCH: F.W. Jones Memorial Service

100 Club: The December 100 Club Draw will take place on
 Weds 13th December at Coffee Shop.



Thank you to all who supported the
 Church Flowers Fund COFFEE MORNING
 on Sat 9th December



Children's Society Box Holders - Please bring your
 box to Church & hand to Ros Harford or
 Margaret Harrison - thanks.

As in previous years, there will be a COLLECTIVE
 LARGE CARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH IF YOU
 WISH TO SIGN IT rather than write lots of
 individual cards. Accompany your signature with a donation, which,
 together with the Box money, and the collection at the CRIB &
 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT 4 PM ON SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER,
 will be given directly to the worthy cause of the
 Children's Society.

CHIPPENHAM CONCERT EVENTS

Sat 16th Dec—VILLAGE SINGERS Concert in St. Andrew's @ 7.30pm
 Sat 16th Dec—CHRISTMAS CONCERT with Popular Christmas Songs &
 Stories at St Paul's Church, Malmesbury Rd 7pm
 Sat 16th Dec—Comedy Show with Paul Kerensa at Sheldon Road
 Methodist Church at 7.30 pm

Very little certain history known about Santa Claus!! But we
 know that he was Bishop of Myra in Lycia, c.320AD. Myra was
 a port on the S.W. corner of Turkey in the Province of
 Lycia. He is a popular saint in both the Greek (Orthodox) and
 Latin (RC) churches. He is first met with in the Church of St.
 Priscus and St. Nicholas built by the Emperor Justinian 565AD at
 Constantinople. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, and churches built
 with his name are built so they could be seen off the coast as landmarks. He
 is also the patron saint of children, bringing them gifts on Dec.6th. (From
 Rev. Laurie Hubbard)



KITTIWAKE: Teaching Ukrainian and Syrian refugees: Message from Eryl to
 say thanks to St Andrew's for their support and suggestions given.

Items for weekly notice sheet, please send details by a Weds evening to:
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ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th 2023:

ADVENT 2 (Year B)

NO 9 am SAID Holy Communion

10.30 am ALL AGE EUCHARIST

With Baptism of : Natalie Warburton (adult);

Phobe Warburton (child but baptised as an adult);

Indie Warburton (child): (Rev. Anton Campbell)

READING: Isaiah 40. 1-11 : GOSPEL: St Mark 1. 1-8

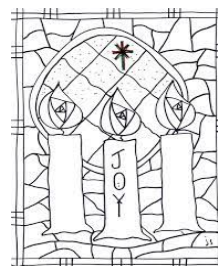
HYMNS: To God be the Glory (HB695); Light of the World

(SB23); How Lovely on the Mountains (HB295); Lord Jesus Christ (HB411); I can-
 not Tell (HB303)

(Lighting of the Advent 2 Candle: Lord Jesus, light of the world, the Prophets said
 you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts
 at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen)

SUNDAY 10th DEC—3.30 pm Family Service
@ St. Nicholas, Tytherton Lucas (Rev Anton Campbell)

**** Warden on Duty today : Gavin Macrae ****



SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th 2023:

ADVENT 3 (Year B)

NO 9 am SAID Holy Communion

10.30 am EUCHARIST (Rev. Anton Campbell)

READING: Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end

GOSPEL: St John 1. 6-8, 19-28

HYMNS: On Jordan's Bank (HB527); Hark a Herald Voice
 is Calling (HB263); Long Ago, Prophets knew (HB405);
 Creator of the Starry Height (HB135);
 Thy Kingdom Come O God (HB691)

SUN 17th DEC @ 4 PM—CRIB & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

(Eryl Spencer, LLM)

(with a Collection for the CHILDREN'S SOCIETY)



Big THANK YOU to all who kindly returned their annual Pledge Forms and to all
 those who continue their committed giving to St Andrew's either through the
 Parish Giving Scheme or direct from their Bank. Much appreciated by our
 Treasurer, Chris Norris, and from Gavin & Ros (Parish Giving Officers)

Friday night service of COMPLINE @ 8.45pm in the LADY
 CHAPEL each Friday in Advent, 8th, 15th and 22nd

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In the week : 8.30am Morning Prayer on 11th Dec (with Eryl)
The next Thurs 8.30am Service of H.C. is Thurs 11th JANUARY

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.



Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their

Gospel: St Mark 1. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger

Post Communion

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.

constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his

paths straight" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with

camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Remembering those who have asked for our prayers:

Amanda; Pauline Barry; Vicki Bray, Pam Bollen; Jean Chadwick; Lisa Clift; John Clarke; Heather Deverell; Beth Drew; Mary Fallon now at Hayward Care Centre, Devizes.; Sarah Fitzgerald; Rosemary George; Kenneth Gubbins; Phyllis Harding (moving to Mulberry Ward, Chipp Hospital); Eddie Haslop now home from hospital; Jan Hooker (now home); Phyl Honour; Malcolm Hodges; James Little; Mary; James Johnson; Mike; Pearl Jones; June Pettifer; Joanne Pettifer (daughter-in-law); Alasdair Pettifer; Kay Readman; Richard Rosser; Tony Sammes; Elizabeth Sexton; Barbara Starr; Richard Stearn; Abbie Smith; Maurizio Vergottini; Jo Warsop; Nick Waterworth; Allen Watkins; Bernard Whyte; Young Edward Collins & his parents: Baby Amelia; For Charles & Gloria;

Bryan Pettifer left Southmead Hospital last Friday and to the delight of both of them Bryan is now in the Garden House Nursing Home just across the corridor from June's room in St Monica's Retirement Village in Bristol, splendid!!! He spends much of the day in June's room with her..

From our visitors: Jane; Tracy ; for Mary & Gary Quarmby; Luke; Sarah, Holly, & family; for a newborn baby, Pablo, & his parents; for a couple receiving fertility treatment; Thomas, Hannah, Beth, Michael, Peter

Communion of Saints & the Departed: Richard Beasley ; Michael Ragbourn (cousin to Maureen & David Ragbourn- funeral in church Tues 19th Dec 12 noon)

Tim Dutton of N.Zealand (grandson of the late Brenda Bailey & son of Caroline & Richard Dutton)

And for all those we remember at this time :

From Our Visitors: Eileen Carmen on her birth date; Lynne & Dave's parents

And at their year's Mind:

11th Dec 2020—Revd Derek Copeland; 12th Dec 2022-Pam Faulkner; 14th Dec 2021-Beth Hathaway; 15th Dec 2021-Liz Fox

Those with Birthdays at this time:

5th-Chris Higman; 10th-Barry Harford; 14th-Jeanette Silk

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