Safeguarding Sunday 15th November 2026 OOS HC 2nd Before Advent

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Compassionate God, our refuge and strength,
defender of the weak, the weary, and the oppressed,
we come to you with humble and thankful hearts.
As your children, you call us to be like you,
to speak up for the rights of all who are vulnerable.
Help us as we strive to be a place of safety for all,
May we listen to those who are hurting, learn from Jesus' example,
and love one another as you first loved us.
Amen

Opening Hymn: #498 O God, our help in ages past

Invitation to Confession – *Please be seated*

Let us take a moment of quiet as we come before God, from whom no secrets are hidden, to seek his forgiveness and peace.

(All) Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Absolution:

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ gave us the perfect example of love and compassion
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to your truth,
open our hearts to your justice
strengthen us to do your will,
and make us, your church, a place of safety and refuge for all,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect 2nd Sunday Before Advent
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children leave for Sunday Club

First Reading: Psalm 90:1-8 (NIVUK)

A prayer of Moses the man of God.
1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn people back to dust,
saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.'
4 A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death –
they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
7 We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

This is the Word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The day of the Lord

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, **2** for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **5** You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **9** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **10** He died for us so that, whether we are awake or

asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Homily – Revd. Vivian Sockett

Let us declare our faith in God.
The Nicene Creed - *Please stand if you are able*

(All) We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession – *please be seated*
Response at the end of each Prayer
(Ldr) Jesus, Lord of the Church
(All) in your mercy, hear us.

Merciful Father,
(All) accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace – *Please stand*
Introduction to the Peace
It is God's will that all of his creation should live in harmony.
Make our community here a place of safety and peace for all who enter our doors.

The Peace and the security of God be always with you
(All) and also with you
All may exchange a sign of peace.

All who have a practice of taking communion are welcome to receive the sacrament.
Please hold out your hands for a wafer.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request as you arrive at the front.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and keep your hands crossed across your chest.

Offertory Hymn: (SS) Saviour King

The Prayer of Preparation
Generous and gracious God,
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;
and bless everyone who offers them to you.
(All) Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer (C)

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest,
who has loosed us from our sins
and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,
our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

(All) Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
(All) Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
(All) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with the Church throughout the world we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
(All) Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,**
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

People come forward for communion

Prayer after Communion

God of peace,
we thank you that by sharing bread and wine,
we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity.
Guide us when encountering those in distress,
loving as you love and being prompted to action.
May we share in keeping your precious ones safe and cared for. **Amen.**

Notices

Closing Hymn: **(SS) Psalm 62**

The Dismissal

And now may God the Father protect and keep us,
May Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, lead us and teach us,
And may the Holy Spirit fill us and inspire us to do God's will.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
(All) Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.