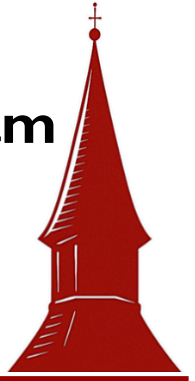

Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 16th November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

Jesus Christ ...*forever*



Today's services

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Jim Robinson

9.30am Holy Communion

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Preacher: Alison Rose

Practicalities

There is a fully accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities in the Community Centre across the car park behind the church.

Children

All are welcome in God's house and we delight in all ages gathering for worship. Please don't worry if your little ones make a noise or need to run around. There is a play area at the back; if younger members are more comfortable there, they are very welcome to dive in. Junior Church runs at the same time as the 9.30am service every week during term time. It is open to all ages and is based around storytelling and wondering, with art and craft too.

We begin in church and then head round to the Community Centre, returning for the Eucharist and then back out for a feast!

Collection

We are not taking an offering during our services at this time, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church along with a giving station where you are able to donate via card payment. You can also give via our website.

Visit us online at: <https://stmarksnewnham.org> where you can sign up for our email.

Hymns: 696 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
592 As the deer pants for the water
650 Great is thy faithfulness

Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford

For your prayers:

The King and the Royal Family; Anne Howie; Nancy; all involved in the appointment process for the next Bishop of Ely.

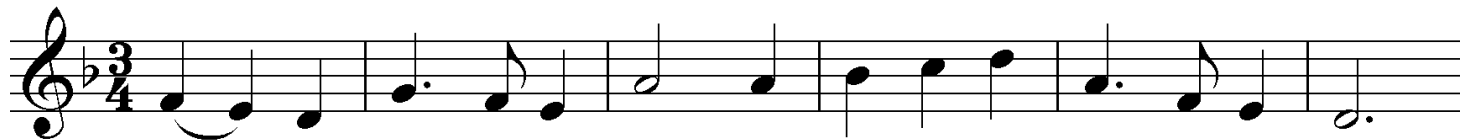
Collect Prayer for the Week:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Psalm 98



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of God.

Andrew Wright

Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise

against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Useful contacts
<p>For pastoral enquiries or questions about special services (baptisms, weddings, and funerals) please contact our vicar. For information about our visiting group please contact our administrator.</p> <p>Vicar: The Revd Jim Robinson revjrobinson@gmail.com 01223 455463</p> <p>Curate: The Revd Kennedy Emokpaire kemokpaire@gmail.com 07961 916576</p> <p>Assistant Priests: The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan revtbuchanan@gmail.com The Revd Andrew Hurst andrewhurst65@outlook.com</p> <p>Parish Safeguarding Officer: James Gorick safeguarding@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Choir Director: Marcus Cox singing@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Treasurer: Xanthe Langley treasurer@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Churchwardens: Nigel Porter 07910242717 Sarah Perry sarahperrywarden@gmail.com</p> <p>Administrator: Felicity Parker administrator@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Community Centre: Xanthe Langley communitycentre@stmarksnewnham.org</p>

Charity of the Month: The Gurkha Welfare Trust
<p>The GWT provides welfare, medical and community support to Gurkha veterans, their families, and their communities, enabling them to live with dignity. The Trust operates through 20 Area Welfare Centres spread across traditional Gurkha recruiting areas. In the UK, in conjunction with other service charities and government bodies it offers advice and support to help the thousands of retired Gurkhas and their families who choose to settle here. The GWT’s remit includes community initiatives like schools and water projects as well as a comprehensive medical scheme across Nepal.</p>

Services this week

Tuesday, 18th November
11am, Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday, 23rd November (Christ the King)
8am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan
9.30am, Holy Communion led by The Revd Jim Robinson with Amelia Turncliffe
preaching

Morning Prayer is held on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am.**

Notices and Dates for your Diaries

Sustainable Living Workshop

To mark the beginning of Advent, a time of reflection and renewal, you are invited to a Sustainable Living workshop: a chance to learn how we might best realign our lifestyles with our Christian values in the face of the environmental crisis, led by Anitha Devadason. Sunday 30th November, 11am-12noon, in the Community Centre after the 9.30am service and coffee.

Design your Custom Christmas Wreath at the Advent Fair!

Take home a beautiful, personalized wreath this year. Your creation starts with a 12-inch mossed wire ring layered with fresh green foliage. You'll then choose from a wonderful selection of ribbons and accessories to truly make it your own. The price is £60. To ensure we have enough materials for everyone, please email your interest cjarman2012@gmail.com

Safeguarding Audit – Have Your Say

In February 2026, an independent audit will assess how our Diocese and Cathedral are doing in safeguarding. INEQE, the auditing organisation, invites everyone connected to the Diocese - clergy, volunteers, parishioners - to complete a short, anonymous survey. Your honest feedback will help shape a safer Church for all. <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/ely/>

A Theatrical Christmas

Bringing to life all the delightful anticipation and tradition that is the beating heart of Christmas, BAWDS presents a popular programme that combines staged stories with captivating characters and seasonal songs to put you in the festive spirit.

Devised and directed by Madeleine Forrester; music arranged and directed by Ian Favell.

At St Mark's on Friday 5th December at 7.30pm and on Saturday 6th December at 3pm and 7.30pm. Tickets at

<https://www.adcticketing.com/whats-on/play/a-theatrical-christmas-newnham/>