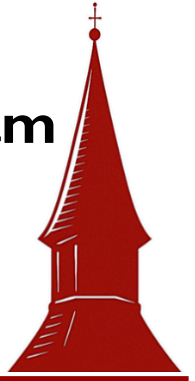

Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 7th December 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

Jesus Christ ...*forever*



Today's services

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Jim Robinson

9.30am Holy Communion

Service Leader: The Revd Jim Robinson

Preacher: The Revd Jeremy Begbie

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: 46 On Jordan's bank
50 The advent of our King
52 The people that in darkness sat

Anthem: There is no rose - Ellis

For your prayers: The King; Anne Howie; Nancy.

Collect Prayer for the Week:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

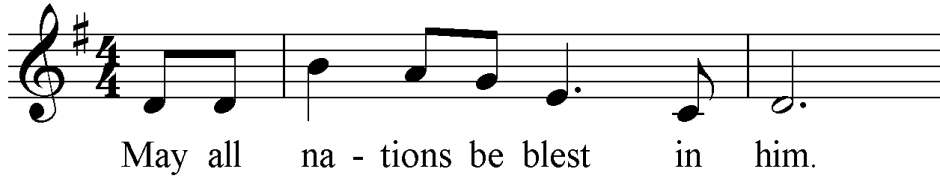
‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 72



John McCann

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said,

‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
“Make straight the way of the Lord”’,

as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Useful contacts

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.

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Services this week

Tuesday, 9th December

11am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Jim Robinson

Sunday, 14th December

8am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan

9.30am, Morning Worship led by The Revd Kennedy Emokpaire with Alison Rose
preaching

6pm, Choral Evensong led by The Revd Andrew Hurst

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

Jim will not be present to lead Morning Prayer on Monday, 8th December.

Charity of the Month: Embrace the Middle East

Embrace the Middle East works with Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Israel-Palestine, Lebanon and Syria to tackle poverty and injustice in the region, responding to all kinds of needs - for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights - by supporting health, education and community projects, which bring vital services to those at risk of marginalisation and exclusion. Partnership is at the centre of Embrace's vision of transformation. As the Arab saying goes, 'there is bread and salt between us'. It means we sit at the table as equals, in an alliance of fellowship. We currently have over 40 courageous, inspired, creative and skilled partners in the region. All are working to transform lives; all are inspired by the Gospel.