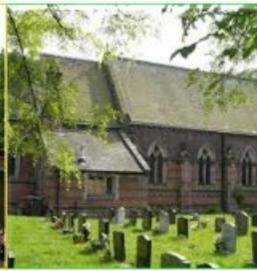




Christ
Church
Wheelock



St
Michaels
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St
Matthews
Haslington

United Benefice Advent Service of the Word at home and in church

A NEW WAY FOR US TO COME TOGETHER

What do I need to know?

- Worship will be streamed live from Church and published on Facebook.
- For anyone joining at home, the live stream will begin 5 minutes before the published start time to allow time for everyone to find us.
- For anyone in church, you may appear on the stream, if you would prefer not to, please let us know so we can avoid you with the camera direction.
- A recording of the live stream will be published on the benefice website.
- Whoever is leading the worship will explain each step.
- Feel free to comment or like during the live stream. Please note, we may not be able to respond in real time.
- We welcome you to say the words in BOLD together at home, the leader will announce these as we reach them.

Acclamation

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Hymn or song

Greeting

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Time of confession

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'

So let us listen, and turn to the
Lord in penitence and faith.

Silence for reflection.

God, through Jesus Christ,
will judge the secret thoughts of all:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'
will enter the kingdom of heaven:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Let anyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the
churches:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We say together

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

**Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
gathered today.**

The Absolution is given.

Lighting the Advent wreath

We say together

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
Gathered today.**

Let us pray.

People of God: awake!

The day is coming soon

when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God.

God calls you out of darkness

to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever.**

Amen.

The Advent candle is lit with an Advent prayer

The Collect

An Advent Craft *(may be demonstrated.)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bible reading

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

Holy, holy, holy

**is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'

Even so come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

Prayers

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon'.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Intercessions

To a world in turmoil,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To hungry nations,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To the persecuted and exploited,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To the sick and suffering,

Come, Lord Jesus.

The Lords Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

On earth as it is 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 forever.

Amen.

Praise

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
**who has come to his people and set
them free.**

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of
our father David.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in
the highest.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

and also with you.

Hymn/song

Acclamation

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,

come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,

come, Lord Jesus.

Blessing

This or another blessing may be used

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,

make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us

in power,

reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us

steadfast in faith,

joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Notices

