

Christ Church Wheelock



St Michaels Crewe Green



St Matthews Haslington

Your Word of the Week

29th November 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

10.30 am	St Michael & All Angels	Holy Communion	St Michael's Ministers

The Gospel Reading Mark 13:24–37

24 “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will
be shaken. 26 Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and
glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its
branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly
I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 “But about that day or
hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on
a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to
my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5
for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6
just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect, prayers, and Old Testament Reading

Collect for 1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We remember people who are sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Winnie Rutter, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, Pauline Fletcher, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Eileen Mahon, Mark Trigger, Jenny Fradley, Mary Plachta, John Braithwaite, Arleine Bloor, Sue Taylor , Marion Mayo, Kay Wing, Janette Blood, Nicola Warren, Jim Inglis, Brian Wood, Steve Foxley, Anneke McKay, Rebecca Malabar, June Ollier, Patrick Smithson , Effie Worsley and Paul & Binnie Thompson.

We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

Lucy Bates and Suzanne Tonks
We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

Isaiah 64:1–9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence— 2 as when
fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes
water to boil— to make your name known
to your adversaries, so that the nations
might tremble at your presence! 3 When
you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains
quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past
no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no
eye has seen any God besides you, who
works for those who wait for him. 5 You
meet those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you were
angry, and we sinned; because you hid
yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all
become like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We
all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like
the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one
who calls on your name, or attempts to
take hold of you; for you have hidden your
face from us, and have delivered us into
the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O LORD, you
are our Father; we are the clay, and you
are our potter; we are all the work of your
hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O
LORD, and do not remember iniquity for
ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

DIARY

9.30 am Morning Worship at St Matthew's, including Facebook livestream.
10.45 am Morning Worship at Christ Church, including Facebook livestream.
11.00 am Morning Worship at St Michael & All Angels.
4.30 pm (Fourth Sunday) BCP Evening Prayer at Christ Church and on Facebook.
10.30 am (Fifth Sunday) United Benefice service, rotating around our churches.
Wednesday, 10.45 am BCP Holy Communion at St Matthew's.
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