

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3.1-12

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord



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SUNDAY 8th December 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME to the Cathedral whether you are a regular, a visitor or simply trying us out. We are delighted to have you with us.



THIS MORNING is the second Sunday of Advent, the season of preparation for the coming of Christ – both his birth at Bethlehem 2000 years ago and the coming of his reign of justice and peace. The Advent colour is violet symbolising waiting, reflection and preparation. We light a candle on each Sunday to symbolise in different ways our journey through Advent.

This **morning's service** is contained entirely in the liturgy booklet you will have been handed along with this leaflet except for the biblical readings which you will find at pages 3 & 4 in this leaflet.

About the service...

Today we celebrate the sacrament of **BAPTISM** as **Roman John Kane** is brought by mum, Mel and godparents, Kirsty and John, to be baptised. We welcome them along with family and friends who join them for this special occasion.



In the second half of the service, we celebrate **Holy Communion**. You are welcome to come forward and either to receive Holy Communion at this service or, if you would prefer, a blessing. If you do not hold your hands out to receive Communion, the priest will know to give a blessing instead. If you prefer simply to stay in your seat, that is fine too.

After the service this morning, we serve **coffee, tea and cake** at the back of church. If you have time, please join us.



We  **giftaid** There is an **Offering** to contribute to the ministry costs of the Cathedral in the middle of the service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can **GIFTAID** your offering meaning that the Cathedral can reclaim from the government the tax you have already paid on the amount you give. To do this, please simply fill in a Gift Aid envelope which are to be found at the end of each pew or on the Gift Aid table at the back.

BEANSTALK, our Young Church Groups, meet after the Collect prayer and come back in time for communion. If you would like your child to join a group today, please simply speak to a welcomer who will be pleased to help.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Advent 2

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

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IN OUR PRAYERS... peace throughout the world; places of conflict or disaster and all suffering peoples; all refugees and asylum seekers and Revd Kirrilee Reid in her ministry among refugees; those ill or recuperating; Alison Mackenzie; Carol Davidson; Patrick Grant, Jim Lawson, David Shepherd, Archie Moonie, Gertie Smith, Elaine Tindal; Roland Arthur; Caroline Makepeace; those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time; those who mourn; the Church: Bishop Andrew and the life of the Diocese of Brechin, our Companion Dioceses of Iowa and eSwatini; Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Mothers' Union worldwide; Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: the work of the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan administration.

CALENDAR...

DAY	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	4.00pm 6.15pm	Soul Café @ St Paul's Sung Evening Prayer
Mon 9 th <i>Conception of the BVM</i>		Cathedral closed all day.
Tues 10 th <i>Feria</i>	1.10pm	Midday Prayer
Wed 11 th <i>Feria</i>	11.45 – 1.00pm 1.10pm	Soup 'n' Soul (in Lower St Roque's Hall) Midday Prayer with Eucharist
Thurs 12 th <i>Feria</i>	11.00am 1.10pm 7.00pm	Advent Study Group Midday Prayer with Eucharist Choir Practice
Fri 13 th <i>Feria</i>	10.00am onwards	Cathedral cleaning
Sat 14 th <i>John of the Cross</i>	10.00am	Prayer Group (Castlehill House)
Sun 15 th ADVENT 3 GAUDETE	10.30am 4.00pm 5.00pm	SUNG EUCHARIST (Preacher: Revd Dr Annalu Waller) No Soul Café The University of Dundee Carol Service NB – No service at 6.15pm

NOTICES



WELCOME BACK TO the Revd Dr JOHN BELL, our guest preacher this morning. Broadcaster, liturgist, musician, preacher and former leader of the Iona Community, **JOHN** is a frequent contributor to BBC's 'Thought for the day.' He has been a friend of the Cathedral for many years and it is wonderful to welcome him back this morning.

BAKE SALE TODAY after the 10.30am Eucharist – dental and medical students are selling their delicious home baking in aid of **CHAS** – Children's Hospices Across Scotland. They did the same a few weeks back at the Steeple Church where they raised a significant amount for this charity doing phenomenal work in Scotland. Let us, in our turn, also generously support CHAS this morning.



Children's Hospices Across Scotland

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Brett Housego has produced beautiful Christmas cards depicting some of the stained glass windows in St Paul's together with one of a carol service taking place. These are available to purchase at the end of each service at £3.00 for any 6. Support the Cathedral Step-free access project today!



SOUL CAFÉ – a fresh expression of church for those who do not like traditional church here at St Paul's. This afternoon and every Sunday afternoon at 4pm in St Roque's Hall (next door). Why not come and see what it's all about.

REVD FR DAVID GORDON will be licensed as transitional priest of All Souls' Church and interim priest of the Cathedral at a special service on **Monday 6th January at 7.00pm in All Souls' Church, Invergowrie.** All are welcome.

JEREMY will be instituted as **Rector of Woodstock and Bladon and Area Dean of Woodstock** at a special service on **Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm in St Mary Magdalene's, Woodstock.** All are very welcome!!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2019 at ST PAUL'S – copies of the leaflet with details of all our services and events are available at the back of the Cathedral.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

THE CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE – Sunday 22nd December. 2 co-ordinators needed to recruit and organise. Full instruction sheet available! Please speak to Susie Schofield or email her on S.J.Schofield@dundee.ac.uk



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THE RECTORY FAMILY FAREWELL PARTY! Jeremy's last service with us will be on Sunday 29th December at 10.30am. This will be followed by a farewell lunch and party in St Roque's Hall to say farewell to Christine, Jeremy, Benedict and Nicholas. After lunch, for those that wish to remain, there may be dancing!

READINGS –SUNG EUCHARIST ADVENT 2 – YEAR A

Isaiah 11.1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet, Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.