

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



“You must be ready, for the son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**TODAY AT WEOBLEY WE CELEBRATE THE
FIRST COMMUNIONS OF JOY AND IOLO
GOODWIN AND HEBE KERR.**

THE PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat.Nov.29 **MASS of 1st.SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
K'ton. 6.00 *Int:Roger Kerrigan :*

Sun. 30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Weobley 10.30. *Int. Roger Kerrigan*

Mon.Dec 1 Mass. Weob. 10.00 – Korean
martyrs **Morning**

prayer Mon-Fri 9,40, courtesy of Zoom *

Tues 02 NO Mass, Weob. 10.00 – *Feria **

Wed. 03 Mass at St.Francis Xavier 1.00 . *

Thur. 04 NO Mass. *Morning prayer **

Fri. 05 Mass, Weob. 3.00 – *Feria **

Sat. 06 **Mass of ADVENT 2, K'ton 6.00**

Sun. 07 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
URGENT PRAYERS

For a miracle in Ukraine to save the country for its people.

That the peace initiative brokered by Pres. Trump for Gaza and Israel will hold.

For the immediate release of remaining Israeli Hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have the right to decide their own future,

For the people in Hong Kong caught up in the terrible fires.

That our young people will be drawn away from every kind of crime and violence, and drawn to a commitment to good deeds.

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Tricia Carter, Louise Wright, Kim Williams, Frank McNally, Brian Tanswell.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Fr. Stephen Holdsworth, Roger Kerrigan, Mike Weare..

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lissie Morgan (M.'73), Ernest Lowe (Sa. 2000), Maureen Wallace (Sa. 2017).

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. For Andrew Mountbatten-Winsor that he may find a new life of grace. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

ROGER KERRIGAN'S REQUIEM MASS will be at St. Thomas' church on Tuesday December 16th, at 12.00, followed by burial at Almeley churchyard.

THIS WEDNESDAY, Dec.3rd . First session of our **PARISH BIBLE STUDY** or **LECTIO DIVINA GROUP.** Contact Andy Palfreman:

palfremanandy@gmail.com or see Fr. Simon Starting **Wed. December 3rd. 2.30** in Parish Room

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST. Sat/Sun 13/14 December. Third Sunday of Advent.

Joseph Hoyos, son of Lucy Palfreman, will be commissioned for the first time.

SERMONETTE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A.

ADVENT from Latin means ‘coming’. It is a present participle, it is on-going, it points to a future, a future coming, a coming which will fulfil all hopes and expectations. The key word is ‘hope’, hope for what is not yet but which will come with certainty and will rule the earth with wisdom and love. This can only be fulfilled completely through a human being like us, namely Jesus the Christ, prophesied before all ages. The liturgical colour is violet, not primarily out of any sense of penitence but for the royalty of the one coming.

FIRST READING: from the prophecy of Isaiah (Ch.2, vv.1-5)

Isaiah really is the prophet of the Advent season. Though it is sometimes difficult to know which particular joy or disaster he is referring to, and there appear to have been at least three Isaiahs for they were a sort of school, the overriding theme throughout all of them is expectation and joy. This makes their prophecy particularly appropriate before times of great intervention by God, whether for blessing or punishment. Today, after Israel has endured long and terrible suffering, God promises a new life, a new beginning, a fresh branch emerging from the old stump of the house of Jesse, King David’s father. This new shoot will not be just political and warring but will come with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord. In this spirit the wolf will dwell with the lamb and all common attitudes of animosity will be dispelled. Even the other nations will see this take note.

SECOND READING: from Paul’s letter to the Romans. (Ch.13. vv.11-14)

Paul likens our former way of life to one of ‘sleep’. This gives him and us his cue to wake up, a favourite call during this season. Up to now it is as if we have been living in darkness, which is no defence against the the works of darkness. Now we must awake and put on the armour of light. We must walk now as we would in daylight, not in the misbehaviour and sin of the night.

GOSPEL: from the Gospel of Matthew. (Ch.3, vv.1-12)

Matthew is our gospel for this year and we actually start today with a hindsight at the misdeeds of some of our earliest forefathers in the time of Noah. Noah was a good man but many around him were not. They were living the life of Riley with no care for the morrow or for any salvation. Where two men were working or living it up, one would be taken, the other left. Jesus does not say that it is the wicked who are taken; it is just any one of two. We don’t know who is going to live to 5 days, to 18 years, to 56 or 92. All are called to be ready “for we know not the day nor the hour”.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

“WE BELIEVE”. WEOBLEY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP. Cont: Patricia Stuart: 07966 499751
Revd. Philip Harvey (C.of E) introduces the Nicene Creed on its 1700th anniversary, and its deeper meaning for our lives and for our shared beliefs.

MEETINGS, Mondays 2.30pm., November 17th & 24 / December 1st. & 8th.

at Weobley Methodist Chapel, Hereford Road. PASS THE WORD.

ADVENT ‘BRING AND SHARE’ LUNCH. Sunday December 7th. 11.45 for 12.00. in the Parish Room.
Please sign list in the churches if you can bring a savoury or sweet dish. Also RAFFLE PRIZES welcome.

DON’T FORGET THE FOOD BANK.

START YOUR DAY WITH MILLIONS THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD WITH “PRAYER OF THE CHURCH” as practiced by the Apostles and called for in Vatican II. Just down-load a programme called ‘UNIVERSALIS’ for every day. PRAYER IS FUN. OUR NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu

ABORTION UP TO BIRTH.

Please email info@righttolife.org.uk to express your views on Tonia Antoniazzi M.P.’s amendment to allow abortions up to 37 weeks (i.e. birth). “Thanks” – the babies.

Or email Tonia Antoniazzi at tonia.antoniazzi.mp@parliament.uk

KEEP PRAYING FOR LIFE

for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill. (Local M.P.s: Ellie Chownes voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Work on Ellie Chownes.

House of Lords vote: 33% for, 67% against.