



Weekly News

St Michaels Church Galmington

1st December Advent Sunday

Mikey's Musings

Well what a week it has been. Lots has happened and it feels like there have been so many things going on. Sadly there have been funerals to arrange as well as assemblies to attend.

This week we were invited into Parkfield school and asked to lead assemblies to both the lower and upper school. What a joy this was although it felt a little strange to be wearing Christmas Jumpers so early and before Advent. However we were able to get the children to think about what Advent actually meant and also to tell the real story of Christmas. We even managed to dress two willing volunteers up as Christmas trees with lights and all.

This then led us to making a quick dash with Ann up to Wells Cathedral for the pre Advent retreat day and I have to say I think we all found this a blessing. Archbishop Rowan Williams reflected on John 1 and we were all emersed into this wonderful story, and I think it has changed Rev Justine's perspective on John as well but you can talk to her more about that.

As we enter into Advent season and think about the holy gift that we have in waiting for the Lord and on the Lord, we know that we are all waiting for there to be a better way.

This year the Archbishop of York has chosen Do Not be Afraid as the book some people will use to journey through and the review says the following:

"In this luminous and insightful book, Rachel Mann taps into... ancient wisdom and recasts it for our present impatient age, obsessed as it is with the instant gratification offered by social media, as well as our seeming addiction to speed of action and thought. She reminds us that, in a world where many use their financial and social capital to avoid – as much as possible! – the boredoms and frustrations generated by waiting, there is glory to be found in waiting for the Lord and seeking hope in the good news of Jesus Christ.

As we wait on the Lord may we be patient and kind, showing the love of Christ to all.

Love and Prayers Dean

This week's Services Sunday 1st December

Sunday

08:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Morning Worship

This week's readings:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Luke 21: 25-36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Next Weeks Readings

Phillipians 4: 4-7

Luke 3:1-6

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

An Advent Prayer for us to use at home this Sunday

Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love
and my mind searches for your Light
in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.
Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.
Help me to free my heart
from the prison of my anger and hurt.

Amen

Next week's Services (week of Sunday 8th December)

10:00 Holy Communion

19:00 Open Table



Prayers for the week

We remember the families of Paul Hewton and Robby Dyer who have recently passed to Glory. **Pauls funeral will be here in church on the 5th December at midday and Robby's funeral will be on the 9th December at 13:00 at St Mikes.**

Dates for your Diary:

7th Dec Christmas Fayre

16th December 14:00 carols at One Stop Galmington Rd

19th December 19:00 carols around the tree outside of Church

21st December 19:00 Beer and Carols at the Shepherds Rest

22nd December 18:00 Nine lessons and Carols

24th Dec 10:30 Carols at the Comeytrowe Centre

Regular Activites

Stillness. A short time for reflection and quiet every Wednesday at 17:30.

Mikey's Coffee Shop: Mikey's Coffee every Friday term time only 08:30 until 10:30.

Toddlers weekly on a Tuesday 09:00-11:30 term time only.

The Hub Every Wednesday 10:00-12:00.

Contact Us

The Church office is being supported by Val as a volunteer. Her regular days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am until 1pm.

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