

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

CHRIST THE KING AND 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

23RD AND 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.

Please use it to help in your prayers each day.

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Collect, readings & hymns for Christ the King, 23rd November

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6
Colossians 1: 11 – 20

Hymns: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

147 Crown him with many crowns,
202 Let all the world in every corner sing,
101 O worship the King all glorious above,
(omit v 3)
126 The King of love my shepherd is,
148 A the name of Jesus (omit vv 2, 3 & 5)

Gospel:

Luke 23: 33 – 43

Collect, readings & hymns for 1st Sunday of Advent, 30th November

Collect: 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. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1 – 5
Romans 13: 11 – 14

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

14 The advent of our God
8 Lift up your heads ye mighty gates,
16 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
501 Advent Prose
15 The Lord will come and not be slow,

Gospel:

Matthew 24: 36 – 44

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Sue Bale, Bob Moore, Bruce Thompson, Sue Day, Catherine, Roger, Fiona. Also prayers for the family of Margaret Hamby.

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Pat Eilback, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

The recently departed: Joan Trainor, Margaret Hamby

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 23rd November: Eleanor Gamble, Terrence Anderson, Sid Heppell, Carys Gillett, Jack Harmsworth, William Woods

Week beginning 30th November: Leslie Watson, Tony Baxter, Charles Nicholson, Catherine Reid, Belle Charles, Joseph Leftwich, Douglas Lewis Turner, Doris Taylor, Malcolm Watson, Arthur Hardy, Delia Milbourne, Rena Robson, David Martin, Ivy Marshall

Prayer intentions for week commencing 23 rd November		
Sun 23	Christ the King	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 24	Of the day	<i>Spiritual directors</i>
Tue 25	Of the day	<i>Those affected by domestic abuse</i>
Wed 26	Of the day	<i>The Red Cross</i>
Thur 27	Of the day	<i>Rainbows and Brownies</i>
Fri 28	Of the day	<i>Churches Together</i>
Sat 29	Of the day	<i>The Welcome Team</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 30 th November		
Sun 30	Advent Sunday	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 1 Dec	St Andrew	<i>Discipleship</i>
Tue 2	Of the day	<i>Those working in retail</i>
Wed 3	St Hilda	<i>Refugees</i>
Thu 4	Of the day	<i>Advent course at St Paul's</i>
Fri 5	Of the day	<i>Fiesta Whitley Bay</i>
Sat 6	St Nicholas	<i>Newcastle Cathedral</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

**Morning Prayer at St Paul's
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's
Contemplative Prayer group
St Paul's open for private prayer**

Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday at 9.30am
Friday at 2.30pm
Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 23 rd Nov	Christ the King	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Encounter 6pm
Wednesday 26 th Nov		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 30 th Nov	1 st Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Evening Prayer 6pm
Monday 1 st Dec	St Andrew, Apostle	Eucharist 10am
Wednesday 3 rd Dec		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 7 th Dec	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm

Dates for your diary

St Paul's fellowship group	Tuesday 25 th November 7.pm
Memory Café at Big Local	Thursday 27 th November 2pm to 3.30pm
Advent course	Thursdays 27 th Nov, 4 th , 11 th Dec 7.30pm and Saturday 20 th Dec 12 noon
WB&DCT Carol singing	Late night shopping 27 th and 28 th November
<i>The Gate</i> published	Sunday 30 th November
Fiesta Whitley Bay	Sunday 7 th December 11am to 3pm

Notices

St Paul's Fellowship Group: the last session exploring the Lord's Prayer will be Tuesday 25th November at 7pm.

Advent Course 2025: together with the parishes of St Peter's and St Mary's Monkseaton we will be journeying as church families through Advent exploring the meaning of the Advent Wreath and the four great virtues of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. All welcome.

Thursday 27th Nov at 7.30pm at St Mary's Monkseaton

Thursday 4th Dec at 7.30pm at St Paul's Whitley Bay

Thursday 11th Dec at 7.30pm at St Peter's Monkseaton

Saturday 20th Dec at 12 noon at St Mary's Monkseaton Eucharist and Lunch

WB&DCT Carol Singing: everyone is welcome to join the carol singing organised by Whitley Bay and District Churches Together for the late-night shopping on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November from 6pm. See Revd Mairi for further details.

St Paul's magazine: the new edition of *The Gate* will be published next Sunday, 30th November, just £1 per copy. If you have paid by subscription, your copy will be ready for you to collect or will be delivered or emailed to you. Orders will also be taken for the *Remembering Mowgli* booklet £3 each.

Fiesta WB: the next Fiesta will be held in St Paul's church and grounds and Whitley Bay shopping centre on Sunday 7th December from 11am till 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this community event – lots of fun, stalls, music, activities and refreshments.

St Paul's PCC met on 18th November and among other items discussed:

- Advent and Christmas - events to be publicised
- CET update – confirming Trustee terms of office
- Churchyard Christmas tree lights – to be replaced by NTC
- Safeguarding updates

SWEP: WB&DCT are looking for SWEP volunteers. Please contact 07549 015 896 or email whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk if you feel you could help or for further information.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans by 6pm on Friday 4th December 2025, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com