# 1 December 2024: First Sunday of Advent

#### **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. **Amen** 

# **Psalm 25: Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen

Readings for this Sunday Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36

# Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **Safeguarding & Contact Information**

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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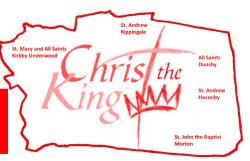
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#### **Collect for this Sunday**

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** 

# Psalm 93: The Majesty of God's Rule

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen

Readings for this Sunday Daniel 7.9-10,13,14 Revelation 1.4b-8



# **Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

#### Please pray for...

Christine Hardstaff, Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wedding anniversaries: Margaret and Toby Uglow (2 years)

Baptism anniversaries: Jasper Williams (2 years)

<u>Funeral anniversaries:</u> Barbara Robinson, Belinda Neumann, Patricia Woodger (6 months); John Coddington (1 year); Emma Green (2 years)

### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

24 November	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Morton
1 December	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	3pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Kirkby Underwood
8 December	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Christingle Service	Morton
15 December	11am	Eucharist	Morton
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replace by a service of Morning Prayer

Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626



# .Can you help?

Here is a list of items that are running low, but feel free to donate any in-date, non-perishable food.

Milk (UHT cartons) Tinned or Packet Potatoes Squash
Tinned vegetables Tinned Rice Pudding Pulses
Tinned or carton custard Tea Bags (80 packs preferred) Rice

There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible.

#### **Christmas cards at Morton**

To make life a little easier at this time of year we will once again have our Christmas Post Drawers at the back of church for our congregational Christmas cards during December. This will enable you to drop off Christmas cards for members of the congregation and collect those that have been left for you. Please do check the drawers regularly for Christmas cards which have been left for you during this period as we don't have enough volunteers to be able to deliver them.

Any cards still in the drawers after the Christmas period will be disposed of.

#### From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to Pilate, "My kingdom does not belong to this world."

#### Reflection:

Jesus is redefining the very notion of what "king" and "kingdom" mean. Jesus draws members to his kingdom and to himself, not by the force of power, but through the truth of his words and the love he engenders in those who hear and receive his message.

# So, we ask ourselves:

- <sup>⊕</sup> How does my citizenship in Jesus' kingdom affect the way I live my daily life?
- How can I recognize the signs of Jesus' kingdom?



# Sunday 8 December at 3pm Christingle service at Morton ALL WELCOME

It's hard to believe that it is almost time for Christingle and Carol Services. The Christingle service at Morton is well supported by the village community, especially as the children of Morton School play an active part in the service.

As always, we would like to offer tea, coffee and cake after the service, for all those who

have attended. If you are able to help by providing cake, or with serving/tidying up, please would you let Dianne, Fay or Sue know.

# Saturday 30 November from 6pm Commemorating the Feast of St. Andrew

This year there will be a Eucharist service at 6pm at St Andrew's Church, Haconby to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew.

Afterwards there is a Fish & Chip supper at The Hare and Hounds. Meals need to be pre-ordered and cost £12 a head.

Please let Jill Hall know if you would like to come to the supper. She can be contacted on 01778570653

