

This week

- Tue 9.30 Toddler Group  
12.00 Funeral  
19.30 PCC
- Weds 11.00 Said Eucharist  
15.30 Malden Manor Carol Service
- Thurs 9.30 Toddler Group  
10.00 Restore Group  
14.00 Tea & Chat (Church Hall)  
19.30 Reading Group
- Fri 19.30 Choir practice



(Baby Jesus will be going on tour again this year - so do sign up if you would like to 'host' him.)

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm  
'Messy Christingle'
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm  
Candlelit Nine Lessons & Carols

**CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT**

There will be a retiring collection for the Christmas Day Event at all services on 1st and 8th December.

Please also see leaflet regarding drivers, gifts, and setting up the Hall on Christmas Eve.

A Blanket of Tales: Stories for a Winter Evening' in aid of St John's funds - Saturday 21 December 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Reserve tickets with Alastair or Harvey, or email [akdaniel@storytent.co.uk](mailto:akdaniel@storytent.co.uk)



We are launching our Angel Project appeal again this year. Over a hundred children received a gift last year thanks to your generosity. In partnership with the Malden Manor Children's Centre and local primary schools, we will be purchasing an Argos Gift Card for local children in need again this Christmas so that their parents can ensure that every child receives something they really want or need. See website for details or speak to Ministry Team.

[www.stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk/angel-project/](http://www.stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk/angel-project/)



**St John the Baptist, Malden  
ADVENT SUNDAY**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

COLLECT Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet  
you, in our Lord and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

**We pray for those in particular need:**  
Charlie, Derek, June Rose, Bob, Elsie.  
**We pray for those who have died recently and for those who mourn:**  
Donald Howlett, Lesley Brotherston.  
**We pray for those whose Year's Mind occurs this week:** Rosina Murdoch, Gloria Grudzinska, Bob Lawrence.

TODAY

- 8:00 Said Eucharist
- 9:45 Sung Eucharist & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
\*\*\* Little Fishes today

4.00 ADVENT CAROLS  
Followed by refreshments

Today's hymns

NEH 11 O come! O come Emmanuel  
(verses 1&2)

NEH 5 Hark! a herald voice is calling  
(words overleaf) ) Hills of the North  
(words overleaf)

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

Organ Voluntary:

Chorale Fantasia:  
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland - J S Bach

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FIRST READING                      JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be come to him and never be hungry: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

SECOND READING    1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hills of the north, rejoice  
    echoing songs arise  
    hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies:  
he comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas  
sing to the listening earth,  
    carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the east, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed to know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost west,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,  
    songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the north they come,  
from east and west and south:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the longing earth be blest.

*words C E Oakley adt*

GOSPEL READING                      LUKE:21:25-36

POST-COMMUNION:

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to him and never be hungry,  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

FINAL HYMN

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia! (3 times)

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in awesome majesty;  
we, who set at naught and sold him,  
crucified him on the tree:

Lord, have mercy, (3 times)

let us all thine Advent see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:

Sing hosanna! (3 times)

see the risen Lord appear.

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne:  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own;

O come quickly (3 times)

Alleluia! Come, Lord, come.

*words: Charles Wesley*

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** is a WHO international campaign, taking place each year from **25 November** until **10 December**. Please visit the RED CHAIR in church and take away a prayer to use at home. **Abuse is ALWAYS wrong and NEVER acceptable. It is NEVER the victim's fault.**

**Standing against domestic abuse**