

PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

Those who have asked for our prayers: Grace; Clare; Sue; Brian Woods, Mary Rowe, Stella Glanville, Win Smith, Ken, Joseph, Pat, Joan, Eleanor Jordan, and Ian Thompson; Joan, and Michael. *We pray for those who mourn, and for our beloved departed:* Valerie Fuller, and Mary Coe. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. *We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week, including:* David Bentley; William Murless; Leslie Mudford, Catherine Ord, Florence Matterface, and Rev. Duncan Wilson.

The Christmas Fair was a huge success, raising around £1,000, a lovely event with a great sense of community. Big thanks to the team of helpers!

Dates for your diary.....St. Swithun's Band will be holding a concert of seasonal music tomorrow evening (Monday 3rd) in aid of the Church funds, do come along, and bring your friends and family.The next **DCC meeting** will be held on Monday 10th December at 6pm in the Hall.....There will be an **Advent Group** again this year at St. Mary's on 5th, 12th, and 19th December, more details from Lorna or Dan.

The Bridport Nativity on 22nd December needs stewards urgently for this year's event, from 10am onwards: without them, it will be cancelled. Please contact the secretary of Churches Together on 01308 897415 to offer your help.

And finally....we are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Verger, **Kevin Vincent**. Kevin moved to Bridport from Bristol 3 years ago and lives in Bothenhampton. He is semi-retired, and works part-time at Harbour House. Kevin will support the Sacristan and Clergy team and help ensure that our Church runs smoothly. He will be at the Community Coffee Morning next week if you would like to meet him.

Items for the next pewsheet to Dan on danshackell@gmail.com
Churchwardens can be contacted on 01308 420304 (Mandi Sturrock) and 01308 426514 (Aileen Shackell). And do let the Pastoral Care Team know if you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit, or a lift to church, or perhaps home communion – speak to Dan, Lorna, or Caroline.

Welcome to St. Swithun's
Sunday 2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday

Liturgical colour: Purple



TODAY'S SERVICES

8am	Low Mass:	Revd. Pete Stone
9.30am	Sung Mass:	Revd. Dan Shackell

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

10am	Thursday	Revd. Deb Smith
	<i>plus Community Coffee Morning</i>	

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 forever.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9th December – Advent 2

Liturgical colour – Purple

8am	Low Mass	Revd. Pete Stone
9.30am	Sung Mass	Revd. Dan Shackell
4pm	Evensong with Benediction	Fr. Tony Ball

OLD TESTAMENT READING : JEREMIAH 33 V.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 called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

THE EPISTLE IS FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 3 V9 – 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.

THE GOSPEL IS TAKEN FROM MARK 13 V. 24 – END

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."