



**Second Sunday
before Advent
15th Nov 2020**

If you need help,
do ask and if we can help, we will. Call Wendy
Aykroyd on (01952) 291532

Congratulations

To Wendy and Graham Aykroyd on their Silver
Wedding Anniversary this week!

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Glyn Howells, Mark Williams, Annis Tonkinson, Barbara
Lavender, Mary Pearson, Patrick Wilds, Meg Gilbert,
Edie Hudson, Angela Williams, Diane Laverick, Jeanette
Cooper, Don Wilkes, Jane Wolverson, Janine Thompson,
Billy Macauley, Pat Connell, Oana (Wana), Zac Real, Roy
and Gwen Price, Blanche Dakin, Lindsey Link, Ken Harris,
Brenda Barber, Martin Gandy, Ann Phillips, Rita Webb.

Rest in Peace: Philip Smith,

Brian Le Brun, Kevin Payton, Frances Locklin, Olwyn
Greenwood,

St Chad's readings week beginning 16th Nov.

Mon.	Luke 18:35-end	Tues.	Luke 19:1-10
Wed.	Luke 19:11-28	Thur.	Luke 19:41-44
Fri.	Luke 19:45-48	Sat.	Luke 20:27-40

Covid19 – please keep in touch with people; meet
for coffee, chat, phone each other, morning prayers,
Contact us if you want to talk or need help.

Sunday worship: will not be taking place in our
churches during the November lockdown, however
you will be able to watch the Sunday on-line service
at 10.30am.

Look for us on the St Andrew's Church Shifnal
Website, on our YouTube or Facebook channels.

St Andrew's Midweek services: are cancelled
during the November lockdown.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all who have been sending in
donations through the lockdown period, we could
not continue without you!

**Private Prayer - will take place in church during
November as follows:**

St Mary's (Mon - Fri) and St Bart's (daily) open 9am -
4pm.

St Andrew's Thursdays 9am - 11am

Young Church look on YouTube for today's session.

Little Fishes on Zoom each Wednesday in term time
from code 437 708 4399 password 572758

Morning Service

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

*When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'Tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air,
To walk every day in the path that we choose,
'Tis a gift we pray we may never lose. *Refrain*

'Tis the gift to be knowing, 'Tis the gift to be kind,
'Tis the gift to wait to hear another's mind,
That when we speak our feelings we might come
out true, 'Tis the gift for me and the gift for you.
Refrain

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'Tis the best gift of all,
Like a warm spring rain bringing beauty when it
falls, And as we use this gift we may come to
believe, It is better to give than it is to receive.
Refrain

'Tis the gift to be simple. 'Tis the gift to be free;
'Tis the gift to share our common destiny;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
Twill be in the valley of love and delight. *Refrain*

Prayers of Penitence

We come to God with the whole of ourselves.
Compassionate God,
in the face of our cruelty and destruction,
our hurting and being hurt, our selfishness and
pride, you long to bring your healing touch.
In the midst of our broken world,
in the place of our deepest hurting and pain,
we pray for your wholeness and restoration,
that we may find the path of healing
in the footsteps of Jesus and in the power of
your Spirit. **Amen.**

We recognize the places of suffering, conflict
and cruelty in our world and in our own lives
today. Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We recognize in our own lives the choices we
make that bring pain to others.

Christ have mercy upon us
Christ have mercy upon us

We hold in the light of God's compassion
all that has been rejected or ignored.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us

Compassionate God, your choice, your longing,
is always for our deepest wellbeing.

Meet us in our deepest need,
bring your healing grace to our hurting.

When we make poor choices,
for ourselves and for others, draw us back to
your way. Reach out and touch us with your
healing love, that we may be made whole,
in the name of Jesus, who touches the
untouchable. **Amen.**

The Collect for today

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's
salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from
excess and revive in us new hope that all
creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading – A reading from the first letter of Paul
to the Thessalonians. 1 Thess. 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. When they say, 'There is
peace and security,' then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labour pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you
are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness. So then
let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk get
drunk at night. But since we belong to the day,
let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of
faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. For God has destined us not for
wrath but for obtaining salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. Therefore encourage one another and
build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 90.1-8

1 Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
'Go back, O child of earth.'

**4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful
indignation.

**8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.**

**Glory to the father, and to the Son and to the
Holy spirit as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

Hymn

**Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist
without the knowledge of your parenthood
and your loving care.**

**But now I am your child, I am adopted in your
family, and I can never be alone
'cause Father God, you're there beside me.**

**I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises
I will sing Your praises for ever more
I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises
I will sing Your praises for ever more**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew 25.14–30**

Glory to you O Lord

'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on
a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted
his property to them; to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away.
The one who had received the five talents went
off at once and traded with them, and made
five more talents. In the same way, the one who
had the two talents made two more talents. But
the one who had received the one talent went
off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. Then the one who had received the five

talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;**

**take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a might would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Holy Communion

The Peace

The earth is the Lord's, we are its stewards.
The earth can be green again, and we may live
in peace with our world.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your
creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be
our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us
free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank
you, with saints and angels praising you, and
saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We say the Lord's Prayer.
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

So we take a moment to make our spiritual communion at home

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God we thank you for your abundant love in creation, your compassionate, healing touch in our hurting, your inspiration for our venturing. Thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final hymn

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Blessing

May God keep us in all our days.
May Christ shield us in all our ways.
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity
drive all darkness from us
and pour upon us blessing and light. **Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen