

# The Quiver    Advent Sunday    November 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

'Keep awake!' Advent is a time for active expectancy. Jesus directs his disciples to keep their eyes open for the signs of his coming. One generation later this is exactly what St Paul's readers in Corinth are doing – waiting for the revealing of Jesus. Isaiah writes that God is the potter and we are the clay. So it is Christ for whom we watch; it is (writes St Paul) Christ's gift of knowledge and speech that allow us to do so. Gifts of discernment, seeing the signs; gifts of proclamation, naming the signs. It is God who calls us into fellowship with God's Son.

Loving God,  
your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;  
pour out your blessing upon our nation;  
where there is illness, bring your healing touch;  
where there is fear,  
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;  
where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith;  
where there is dishonesty, lead us into truth;  
where there is discord,  
may we know the harmony of your love;  
this we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**Give praise and thanks to God and pray for his help and healing:**

**For the Church:** The Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Wimborne  
The Episcopal Church of Sudan (Diocese of Nzara & Deanery of Yabongo)

**For the World:** Afghanistan; Syria; Egypt; South Sudan, The Ukraine, Gaza, Iraq, The Yemen, Mozambique, Zimbabwe & Malawi, Belarus, Lebanon, Nice, Izmir, refugees & exiles;

**For those in need:** Jean Paine    Tony Gates    Jamie Mortimer

Pamela Sylvester    Fred Downton    Donovan Docherty    Crispin Malpas

Joby Mullens    Trevor Steptoe    Hayley Loader    Jean & Dennis Medlicott

John Adlem    Jenny Mackenzie    Evelyn & Pam Summers    Felicity Robinson

**For those who have died** Pat Adlem    Valerie Alcott

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## THIS WEEK

Monday    **St Andrew the Apostle** [St Matthew 4.18-22]  
*Pray for schools & colleges, children & young people*  
Tuesday    *Pray for the elderly, isolated & vulnerable*  
Wednesday    *Pray for businesses, the workplace & economic wellbeing*  
Thursday    *Pray for the NHS & other key workers*  
Friday    *Pray for national & local government*  
Saturday    *Pray for all who are grieving & all suffering with mental illness*

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY – ADVENT 2

8.00am Holy Communion at Edmondsham

9.30am Parish Communion at Cranborne

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

St Mark 1.1-8

## 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.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 64.1-9 *Come down, O God, and reveal your power and might*

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 *St Paul gives thanks for the Corinthians, and for the gifts of God evident in them*

Mark 13.24-37 *The fig tree prefigures the coming of the Son of Man, so keep awake*

Our **Charity of the Month** during November is **Tiyeni** a Malawian NGO who show farmers how to improve their crop yields, using a low-cost, low-technology set of methods. You can donate via your Churchwardens, Church Lodge or The Rectory. October's collection for **Mosaic** raised £225 – Thank you.

**Cranborne Church** is open for Private Prayer on Sundays (10am-12 noon). Until further notice it has been decided to suspend the Wednesday opening.

Our **Bishops** have joined the Archbishops of Canterbury & York in calling upon the Church of England to make November 2020 a month of **Prayer for our Nation**. Full details and prayer resources on [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)