

The Parish of Bledlow with Saunderton & Horsenden

2nd Sunday of Advent - 10th December 2017

First Reading (NRSV)

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. +

Second Reading (NRSV)

Mark 1 : 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' +



The Collect (CW) 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Holy Communion	Saunderton
10.30am	Matins	Bledlow
*4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	Bledlow

with our thanks to the Revd Michael Hunt for officiating our Sunday services

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

(17th December)

9.00am	Said Holy Communion	Bledlow
3.00pm	Holy Communion at Home	Cherry Tree
6.00pm	CAROL SERVICE	Horsenden



MORNING PRAYER: No Morning Prayer until further notice.

BEREAVEMENT DROP-IN: 3.00-4.00pm on Monday 11th at St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

CRIB SERVICE: 10.00am on Wednesday 13th for Bledlow Pre-School Children @ Holy Trinity, Bledlow

CHOIR PRACTICE: 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th Holy Trinity, Bledlow

FAB GATHERING: 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th at The Peacock, Henton.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE SAUNDERTON LODGE CHILDREN:

DON'T FORGET - Drop off at *CHRISTINGLE SERVICE this afternoon at Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow, Thank you for your support.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES THIS MONTH:

10 th December at 4.00pm	Christingle Service *	Bledlow
13 th December at 10.00am	Crib Service for Pre-School	Bledlow
17 th December at 6.00pm	Carol Service	Horsenden
22 nd December at 7.30pm	Nine Readings & Carols	Bledlow
24 th December at 3.00pm	Crib Service	Bledlow
24 th December at 11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Bledlow
25 th December at 10.30am	Christmas Day Service for All the Family - CHOIR	Bledlow
25 th December at 11.30am	Holy Communion	Bledlow

BLEDLOW COMMUNITY LUNCH: on Saturday 20th January 2018, in Bledlow Village Hall for the 65 and overs living/worshipping in the parish. If you are able to come, please sign up on the form at the rear of Holy Trinity, Bledlow, as soon as possible.

During the interregnum, please make every effort to support our Church, the Church Wardens (Martyn Thomas - 01844 344508, & Phil Goding - 01844 342570) and the visiting clergy. THANK YOU.

If you require any relevant information to be included on the Pew Sheet, please advise Colin Lees by email on colin.lees@tesco.net by NOON on the preceding Thursday. Thank you.

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