

**ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY  
10TH DECEMBER – ADVENT 2**

**8.00am The Revd Catherine Mitchell  
Readings: Isaiah 40 v 1-11  
2 Peter 3 v 8 – 15a  
Mark 1 v 1-8**

**10.30am The Revd Guy Hewlett  
Readers: Anne Wakefield and Florence Proctor  
Intercessions: Liz Williams  
Readings: As above  
Chalice: Sheila Kendrick and Libby Poutney**

**6.30pm – Evensong – The Revd Guy Hewlett  
Readings: 2 Peter 3 v 8 – 15a  
Mark 1 v 1-8  
Readers: John Grosvenor and Rosemary Moss**

**WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER – ST PETER'S – 10AM –  
The Revd Catherine Mitchell**

**PARISH PRAYERS – Tuesday at St Andrew's, Wednesday St Peter's and Thursday at All Saints'. These will all start at 9.15am. All are welcome.**

**Collect**

**Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. AMEN**

**Isaiah 40 v 1-11**

40 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The

grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> 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!' <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> 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.

## **2 Peter 3 v 8 – 15a**

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## **Mark 1 v 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**Parish Office** - The parish office is open from Monday – Friday 10-12.00 noon. My phone number: 01902 540289 and my email address is admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. Can items for the pew sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12 noon please. Thank you. Gail.

**(Please note that The Revd Guy Hewlett's usual day off will be a Monday and The Revd Catherine Mitchell's a Friday,)**

### **SERVICES 17th December at All Saints'**

8am – Communion - The Revd Guy Hewlett

10.30am – Communion - The Revd Guy Hewlett

6.30pm – Nine Lessons and Carol Service – The Revd Guy Hewlett

20th December – St Peter's – 10am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

### **NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, DECEMBER TODAY FROM 2PM TILL 4PM.**

**SALVATION ARMY** – will meet in the meeting room at All Saints' on Monday 11th December from 2-3pm the theme this week is Putting on the Ritz – All are welcome.

**GORNAL CHRISTMAS RADIO** - from December 9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – broadcasting joys across the Black Country. FM 87.7 MHz. Christmas is coming Home. Featuring local interviews, Music, Drama, Carols, Stories, Competitions and much more.

**CHRISTINGLES** - Junior Church would be grateful for donations towards the cost of providing oranges and sweets for the Christingles. Please see Barbara Price if you are able to make a contribution. Please note that any excess money is donated to the Children's Society. We will be making the Christingles in the Hall from 2 pm on Saturday 23rd December if anyone would like to help. Refreshments will be provided! Thank you. Barbara Price

**200 CLUB** - the draw took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and the winners are: £10.00 Mary Hart, £5.00 – Barbara Baker, Bob Aston, Tony Hart and Tony Green. Thank you to all who took part.

**NEWS GROUP MEMBERS:** from feedback I have received the News Group is appreciated. The Data Protection Regulations are changing and we need your consent to hold your personal data and continue communicating with you. News Group members will be receiving an explanatory e-mail together with a Consent Form to be completed and returned to the sealed box in the Narthex. In due course we will be contacting the wider congregation. John

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** a splendid effort by all those involved in supporting the Christmas Fayre either those running stalls or behind the scenes, which raised £2,483 - including a match funded donation of £460.05 from Barclays Bank. A big thank you to all. John and Keith

**THANK YOU** to our bell ringers also, to Rob and Jenny Lavender, Jean Turner and Roy for their help in making the evening such a success. Thank you also to Guy and Catherine for their encouragement and support, and of course to the many, many people who supported our Christmas Tree Festival. Linda

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE** - thank you to all who supported the Raffle. The winners were: Mary Wright - £50; Anne Ridge - £30 voucher for 'The Red Lion'; Pat Hartshorne - Chocolate Explosion; John Looker - Oliver Twist voucher; Sue Keasey - Ashwood 'Tea for Two'; Maureen Iddles - Cyclamen.

**BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK** - thank you to all who have donated Christmas items - no more, please, because there isn't time to distribute them. Our current shortages are: UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Packets of Smash, Tinned Fruit. If you are able to help, we'd be most grateful. Thanks from all at 'Springs'

**FAIR TRADE** – the first Fair Trade stall of the New Year will be on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>.