

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden; we'd be delighted if you'd join us for coffee in the church hall after the service. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids and a heater under each pew which you can switch on if it is chilly. There is a WC and changing facilities in the vestry opposite the entrance which you can use at any time. Find more at www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

ROMANS 13: 11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

MATTHEW 24:36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 30 November

- 9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.
Followed by coffee and cake.
- 9.30 am Babies and Toddlers.
- 3 pm Wednesday Welcome.

Friday 2 December

Confirmation & Faith exploring courses.

Saturday 3 December

- 3-5 pm Christmas Market

Sunday 4 December

- 9 am Holy Communion (Taizé).
- 10.30 am Green Church activity is a Winter Walk and will begin at the Memorial Garden.
- 6 pm Evensong.

BRASS IN CHURCH

Thank you to Adam who has volunteered to clean the brass.

CHRISTMAS MARKET 3 DEC

Our Christmas Market will be on Sat 3 Dec from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Eco-Hub. There will be the usual stalls plus festive refreshments, singers and ringers. We're looking for jars and bottles for the tombola, quality items for the gift stall and home-made cakes/biscuits. There is a box in the hall for donations. If you can spare an hour or so to help, speak to Jane, Maureen or Tessa or email tessahennessy27@gmail.com. All proceeds will support the work of Divya Shanti in Bangalore.

QUIET DAY 8 DEC – has been cancelled.

MAKING CHRISTINGLES 9 DEC at 4 pm

Looking for volunteers to make Christingles for our Carols round the Tree service on the 10th!

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS ON 18 DEC

Celebrating the 900th Church Anniversary in Marston at 6 pm on Sunday 18 Dec.

SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL 2022

We are collecting Gifts for children & teenagers this year to support the Salvation Army Toy Appeal. These will be picked up on 10th December.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED in a "Marston Ferry-Tale"? As a performer or a back-stage organiser? Come to a meeting on Monday 28th November 6pm at 37 Edgeway Road. RSVP marstonpanto@gmail.com Auditions will be held on Saturday 17th December at 2.15 pm in the Scout Hall, Marston Road. Forward this message to theatrical friends!

WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME

The Church Hall is open each Wednesday afternoon to offer hot drinks and a warm welcome. We have board games, magazines, homework space and information about other local groups. We plan to operate from November to March. Please let friends and neighbours know. For more information, contact Jane Burd (janeburd0@gmail.com).



27TH NOVEMBER 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

& Stewardship Sunday

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Skye Denno
Preacher Geoff Hale/Revd Skye Denno
Gospel Matthew 24:36-44
(pages 48-49 in the BCP)

10 am CELTIC HOLY COMMUNION

Live streamed straight onto YouTube

Led by Andy Gosler
Preacher Revd Skye Denno
Opening Hymn CP26 Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
Gradual CP36 The advent of our King
Offertory Longing for light – Pew sheet
Communion Communion Songs – Margaret Rizza
Sending CP35 People look East

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Please note that Tuesday is the Vicar's day off.

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