

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

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

Thought for the Week

The Seraph Abdiel, faithful found,
Among the faithless, faithful only he;
Among the innumerable false, unmoved,
Unshaken, unseduced, unterrified,
His loyalty he kept, his love, his zeal;
Nor number, nor example, with him wrought
To swerve from truth, or change his constant mind....
(John Milton, Paradise Lost)

Members of the church's **Prayer Ministry Team** are available after each morning service. They can be identified by their badges.

Telephone Prayer Line: to access the emergency prayer line, please ring Keith on 0116 2311439 or talk to a member of the Prayer Team.

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St. Philip & St. James Church, Groby.

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19th Nov, 2017



A warm welcome to all.
Each Sunday morning, Sunday School meets at the village hall and joins us towards the end of the service; pre-school children and parents often sit near the back of the church where there are toys and a space to play (for the children!).

If our service is a communion and you receive communion in your home church, you are warmly invited to take communion with us. Alternatively, if you would like to go forward for a blessing, please go to the altar rail with everyone else, and just keep your hands to your side.

A Loop system is in operation in this church.

Services for Today

8.00am	Holy Communion at Groby (Rev Dr Ed Bampton)
9.30am	Manifest Service (Keith Wignall)
3.30pm	Songs of the Spirit in the Village Hall (Karen)
6.00pm	Joint Communion at Ratby (Rev Dr Ed Bampton)
6-30pm	Taizé service at URC

Readings for This Week's Services

First Reading: 1 Thess. 5:1-11 (p1188)

Psalm 90:1-8 (p599)

Second Reading: Matt 25:14-30 (p994)

This Week's Diary: November

Mon 20th	10.45pm 6.00pm 7.45pm	3MM at Beacon Close Chatterbox Mondays at URC Rock Solid at URC
Tues 21st	7.30pm	Bell ringers at Church
Wed 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thu 23rd	10.30am 5.00pm 7.30pm	CTG Fair Cuppa in Village Hall visiting bell ringers at church Ladies Craft Group
Fri 24th	9.30am	CATCH meet at URC
Sat 25th	10.00am	'Love Groby Tasters' at URC
Sun 26th	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion at Ratby (Rev Dr Ed Bampton) Holy Communion (Rev Ed Bampton) Evensong (Rev Ed Bampton)

Ken Rushby: due to ill health, Ken has decided to step down as Newsheet Editor. Keith Wignall will be standing in during the coming weeks. Ken has faithfully carried out this essential role for many years, and we thank him, as a Church, for his diligence and commitment. Thanks, Ken. Enjoy your retirement!

Songs of the Spirit today Sunday 19th November 3.30-5.15pm at Groby Village Hall. Come and join us singing Christian songs from around the world, no singing experience necessary. All ages are welcome. £2.00 donation at the door. Tea and cake included.

The Archbishop's Big Conversation from 14th -16th November. See <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/latest/features/archbishops-big-conversation/> for further information. Lots of events, including an open prayer event at Leicester Arena on Tues 14th November 7.30-9.00pm - tickets still available, free via www.injesusname.eventbrite.co.uk.

November: the charity this year is Prostate Cancer UK. If you feel you would like to contribute, please talk to Keith, or visit his Movember link: <https://mobro.co/13605054?mc=1>. Thanks for your support..

Thursday Evening Ladies' Craft Group

Church Ladies, you are invited to drop in to 6 Warrington Close between 7.30pm & 9pm on Nov 23rd. This will be an informal gathering to knit, sew, crochet or bring along any non-messy craft. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to share our skills, support church events (can we decorate the church windows for Advent?) and enjoy fellowship. Please speak to Jane Cox or Kathryn Devonport to find out more and to let us know you will be coming along.

Ellie Robinson is holding an Open House on Sunday 26th November, 2pm-6pm, raising funds towards her Kenya & Tanzania expedition next summer. She will be selling Christmas gifts and taking orders for Christmas wreaths. Drinks and Cakes will be available. 4 The Elms, Markfield, LE67 9SZ.

Fairtrade 'Choc & Sock' sale

Socks and chocolate make perfect Christmas presents and stocking fillers. We'll be selling them in church after this morning's service and next Sunday, 26th Nov. Quality, colourful bamboo socks from the Just Shop @ £5.50 and Divine chocolate bars @ £2.00. As a Fairtrade Church we are committed to fair wages for farmers and producers in poorer parts of the world. Please consider buying Fair Trade gifts this Christmas.

Christmas Cards: Chris Davies reports that the Christmas cards for delivery to roads around the village should be available next Sunday, 26th November. This needs a big push to get them out before 1st December.

Christmas Tree Festival: 2nd to 8th December. The Events team are looking forward to your usual support for this happy occasion. There are a number of new participants bringing trees this year and hopefully new visitors to view the imaginative creations. There are sign up sheets for both cake bakers and those willing to come along and help to welcome visitors. It would be good for the organisers' blood pressure if you could sign up soon! Chris Davies for details.

Celebrate Christmas with the Tudor Singers on 8th December, 7.30pm. Tickets are available from today. £5 adults, £2 under 14yr olds. This choir give concerts to assist with fundraising for charities and churches. The concert will include seasonal songs, monologues with audience participation in popular carols. Fliers are available for you to give to friends and neighbours.