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8th December Second Sunday in Advent

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THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

R: I will send My messenger to prepare the way for Me.

C: Then the Lord you are looking for will suddenly come to His temple.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord Jesus, for bringing us salvation. Help us to prepare the way for Your coming. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 66:1-12

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of His name! Make His praise glorious!

Say to God: "How awesome are Your deeds! Because of Your great power, Your enemies will pretend to be obedient to You.

All the earth will worship You and sing praise to You. They will sing praise to Your name."

Come and see what God has done! He is awesome in what He has done for the descendants of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land. They crossed the river on foot. There let us rejoice in Him!

He rules by His power for ever. His eyes observe the nations. Let rebellious people not be haughty!

Bless our God, you peoples, and cause the sound of His praise to be heard!

He is keeping our souls among the living and has not allowed our feet to slide.

For You have tested us, O God. You have refined us as silver is refined. You have brought us into the net. You have laid hardship on our backs. You have let men ride over our heads. We have gone through fire and through water. Nevertheless, You have brought us out to abundance.

COLLECT: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: Malachi 3:1-7b Who can endure the day of His coming?

Philippians 1:2-11 Pure and without blame until the day of Christ.

Luke 3:1-20 Prepare the way for the LORD.

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹ **“Look! I am sending My messenger, and he will make the way clear ahead of Me.** Then the Lord, for whom you are looking, will suddenly come to His Temple, yes, the Messenger of the covenant, whom you desire. Look! He is coming,” the LORD of hosts has said.

² However, **who will endure** the day of His coming? **Who can stand** on the day when He appears? For He will be like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap.

³ He will sit down like a refiner and a purifier of silver, purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver. Then they will present an offering to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of long ago, as in former years.

⁵ “Then I shall come near to you to judge you. I shall be quick to testify against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear to a lie, against those who defraud hired men of their wages, against those who exploit widows and orphans, against those who take away the rights of resident-foreigners and do not fear Me,” the LORD of hosts has said. ⁶ “For I, the LORD, have not changed. That is why you, O children of Jacob, have not come to an end. ⁷ Since the times of your fathers you have been turning away from My Prescriptions and have not been keeping them. Return to Me, and I shall return to you!” the LORD of hosts has said.

Philippians 1:2-11

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ Every time I pray for all of you I always make my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the Good News from the first day until now. ⁶ I am sure of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to think like this about all of you, because, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the Good News, I have you in my heart, as people who are all partners in God’s grace with me. ⁸ For God is my witness how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ I also pray that your love will overflow still more and more in knowledge and in all insight, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are best, that you may be pure and without blame until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-20

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, while Pontius Pilate was the governor of Judea, while Herod was the tetrarch of Galilee, while his brother Philip was the tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis and while Lysanias was the tetrarch of Abilene, ² and at the time when Annas and Caiaphas were the Chief Priests, the Word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan and preached that people should repent and be baptised for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ It was as Scripture has said in the book of the Words of the prophet Isaiah: **“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord! Make His paths straight! ⁵ Every ravine will be filled in. Every mountain and hill will be levelled. The crooked roads will be made straight, and the rough roads smooth, ⁶ and all people will see the salvation of God.’”**

⁷ Therefore, John kept saying to the crowds who were coming out to be baptised by him, “You brood of poisonous snakes, who has warned you to run away from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, produce fruits worthy of repentance! Do not begin to tell yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’! For I tell you that God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. ⁹ The axe has already been laid at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ The crowds used to ask him, “Therefore, what are we to do?”

¹¹ He used to answer them, “The person who has two tunics should share with the person who has none, and the person who has food should do the same!”

¹² Tax-collectors also came to be baptised and asked him, “Teacher, what are we to do?”

¹³ He told them, “Stop collecting any more money than what has been laid down for you!”

¹⁴ Soldiers also used to ask him, “What are we also to do?”

He told them, “Do not extort money by violence, do not accuse people falsely and be satisfied with your wages!”

¹⁵ The people were expecting something and were all wondering in their hearts whether John might perhaps be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all: “I am baptising you with water. However, the One who is more powerful than I am is coming. I am not worthy to untie His sandal-strap. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He has His winnowing fork in His hand to clean up His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn but will burn the chaff with fire that cannot be put out.”

¹⁸ So, with many other words John kept exhorting the people and telling them the Good News.

¹⁹ However, when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR HIS COMING
Sermon for the 2nd Sunday in Advent, 2024
Luke 3:1-20

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is our Gospel from before Luke 3:1-20:

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

As we move closer to Christmas, the world gets ready for this season on one level and Christians on another. The world gets ready for just one great big blockbuster of a day on Christmas, an annual consumer feeding frenzy, indulging itself in stuff and more stuff. Then, when it's over, it's over. All that's left of Christmas on December 26 is a big pile of wrapping paper and trips to the shops for the Boxing Day sales.

Not so in the Church. When Christmas comes, it stays. It lingers on through Epiphany, and all the way clear through till Lent. During this time, we continue to ponder the great glad news that God has become man to redeem all humankind out from under the iron grip of death and hell. Our Christmas lasts longer than the world's.

But Christmas hasn't yet begun - we're still in Advent. We're still getting ready. Yet our readiness is much more than just sending cards or decorating our homes. It is a readiness of the heart that God desires at His coming. That's why earlier in our Collect we prayed: *Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son*.

In our text, God gives us exactly that through the prophet John: a ready heart.

John is the very prophet whom the Lord appointed to clear the way for His coming, and he certainly did clear the way. John did not hold back; there was no tiptoeing around for him. He marched right in where angels feared to tread and laid it on the line to all who heard him. He announced, "**The axe has been already laid at the root of the trees.**" All the dead wood would be cut out of the Lord's forest.

“Therefore every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Now, that’s a little unsettling if we have the ears to hear it, and so it should, because the sad truth is that more often than not, you and I don’t produce the good fruit our Lord expects. We simply don’t love God with all our heart and soul and strength, much less love our neighbour as ourselves. Despite our best efforts, there are those we have hurt and those we have failed to help. Our thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. There is nothing good within us, in our sinful nature.

That’s how preparing the way for the Lord’s coming begins, when you and I are laid low by the hammer blows of God’s Law, so that we may be lifted up and comforted by the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ Jesus, His Son. You see, the way of the Lord is the way of repentance. That is, it calls for change. A change of mind and heart, which only God can work within us by the power of His Spirit working through His Word.

That’s what we need this Advent season: a change so that we can straighten up - straighten up our hearts and lives, clean out our messed-up hearts so cluttered with sin, and clear out our lives littered with shame and death so that they may be filled to overflowing with the life of Jesus Christ instead.

However, such a change does not come easy. It means the death of the habits of the sinful heart, and such habits always die hard. It’s always much easier to love and serve ourselves than to love and serve God and our neighbour for Jesus’ sake. It always comes naturally to the sinful heart to lash out with anger when we’re hurt, to return evil for evil, to repay injury with injury. It is much easier to cut down others than to love and build them up. It’s easier for the sinful heart to curse and swear, to lie and deceive by God’s name than to pray, praise, and give Him thanks. That’s why the way of the Lord leads first to the cross before it leads to joy. That’s why the Christian life is a life of constant repentance, a continuing vigil for change in mind and heart. First, we confess our sins, then God *“is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9). First, the cross and then the crown. Such is the road we walk.

This road often takes unexpected twists and turns. It may take us through rocky terrain and rugged territory, places we would rather not go. The road of faith may lead us even into the wilderness, where it seems we walk alone.

But we are not alone. The very God who has washed away our sins and given us life will not abandon us. He who gave up His life for us on His cross and shed His blood to wash our robes and make them white will never let us go. *“My sheep know Me,”* says Jesus, *“and I know them. And they follow Me. And I will give them eternal life. And no man will ever snatch them out of My hand”* (John 10:1-15).

The path you walk may seem rugged at times and very steep, long and hard, but it is the path of the Lord's coming. The voice of John, the Lord's prophet, cries out to one and all: **“Prepare the way of the Lord! Make His paths straight! ⁵ Every ravine will be filled in. Every mountain and hill will be levelled. The crooked roads will be made straight and the rough roads smooth, ⁶ and all people will see the salvation of God.”**

So, let's stir up our hearts this Advent season. It's time for a change, a new way. Let's lift up the valleys of our deep despair, bring down the mountain peaks of our lofty pride, and straighten out our crooked ways. So, how is this done, and what does this mean? you may ask.

What this means for you, I cannot tell. It means different things for different people, depending on who they are and where they are in life. You can tell that from John's instructions to those who heard his preaching. For tax collectors, John said to **“Stop collecting any more money than what has been laid down for you!”** The way of the Lord meant to be honest; for soldiers, it meant to be content and not take what didn't belong to them. **“Do not extort money by violence, do not accuse people falsely, and be satisfied with your wages!”**

But, for everyone, it meant generosity and mercy, giving food and clothing to those who had none, for Jesus' sake. **“The person who has two tunics should share with the person who has none, and the person who has food should do the same!”** But how is this done? That I can most certainly tell you: by the grace of God, that's how.

The Son of God, who came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, will change your hearts and make them new. He who left the Father's throne in lowly meekness to be cradled in a cattle trough and wrapped in swaddling clothes is closer in His Word to you than that little child who wraps his arms around your neck.

This Lord Jesus will sweep the cobwebs out of our hearts and make them fit for His coming. He will straighten up the crooked paths by which we have wandered far away from our Father's house and bring us home again. He will tear down our stubborn pride and melt our hardened hearts to enfold us in His love. He will lift us out of the pits of our despair and grief to comfort us with the presence of His Holy Spirit and restore to us the joy of His salvation.

So, get ready. Get ready for Christmas, most certainly, but above all else, prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ. Let this holy Advent season be your comfort and your joy as deep within takes root the reality that Christ has actually come in the flesh and will come again at the end of time. But He comes even today in His Gospel and Sacrament to make you new, whole, and free.

So prepare the way for His coming. Let this be your constant Advent prayer: “*Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son.*”

Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come. Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Lord God, we praise You that You reckon us as blameless in Your sight because of Jesus’ obedience for us. We praise You for Your commandments, so that we may love with right knowledge, and for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask You to bless all who preach, teach, read, and study Your Word, that more and more people may know the Gospel message of joy and hope.

Refine our hearts, so that we may prepare a smooth way for the Lord in them. Give us stronger faith, joy and confidence, and grant that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Enable us to trust You firmly, to worship You with pure hearts, to serve You with clean hands, to obey You with willing minds, and to love You with our whole beings.

Guard us, that Satan, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, or lead us into error, unbelief, and sin. Do not let us lose the inheritance that You have graciously promised to those who know You in faith. Teach us to watch and pray at all times. We praise You that You have enabled us to stand with joy and confidence before the Son of Man when He comes in glory to judge the living and the dead. Therefore send us Your Spirit so that we strive to be blameless in our love for each other, to grow in it, and to practise it with sensitivity and insight.

Rid Your church of that all that is divisive, evil, and wrong, that all who profess Your name may serve You in truth, purity, and loyal devotion.

Give peace and stability to the nations on earth. Put down all evil rulers, and raise up leaders who will rule and serve us according to Your good pleasure.

May Jesus rule in the hearts of all parents and children. Supply the spiritual needs of all families, so that truth, love, and high morals may bless our homes.

Be with all people everywhere, in all situations and circumstances of life. Give healing to the sick, comfort to the sorrowing, guidance to the young, hope to the aged, comfort to the bereaved, and wisdom to the perplexed.

Lead us to continue to look to Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. Help us to wait in joyful hope for His second Coming, when He will receive us, and all others who believe in Him, into Your eternal presence. This we pray in His holy name. Amen.

Article: Prepare the Way of the Lord

It's Advent. You know that. Not only because the paraments are purple but also because there's an Advent wreath. You know it's Advent because John the Baptist shows up! Just when you might be preparing to have a jolly Christmas, belting out a friendly "Merry Christmas!" to people you meet, along comes John, and suddenly all the fun – all the joy gets sucked right out of the season!

John is the great buzz kill of holiday cheer. He's kryptonite to the Christmas spirit. He spoils the Christmas party. John is edgy. Prophetic. He is the forerunner. The way-preparer! The messenger who goes before the Lord like a bulldozer or front-end loader to fill in the valleys, level the mountains, straighten out the crooked and smooth over the rough.

John stands on the threshold of history as the last of the OT prophets and the first of the NT evangelists. He comes as a prophetic voice calling out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

But what does that mean? In a word, it's the great word of Advent and the entire Christian life. It's spelled R-E-P-E-N-T. In other words, turn away from your sin. Die to it, and return to the Lord your God who has returned to you in Jesus. Repent. You were going the wrong way – the way of hell. Now go the right way – the way to heaven. Repent. Die to the dangerous and deadly belief that you can bribe and butter God up or put Him in a headlock with all your pieties and religiosity. Repent of that. Repent of the evil that you've done. Repent of good that you haven't done. Repent. Set aside your notions of self-esteem and self-love and learn to see yourself as the lost and condemned sinner that you are in Adam and apart from Jesus.

Repent and be baptised. That's what John was calling for! Baptism! That was a new thing! Baptism was unheard of in Israel. There were washings, of course, but none that were done on you or to you by another. There were all kinds of sacrifices for sin, but not a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

So, what's John up to? Or rather, what's the Lord up to with a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in the desert? Here's the answer. Through John, God calls Israel back to Jordan, which once parted upon their entry into the Promised Land. Working in the wilderness recalls the 40 years of Israel's wilderness wanderings, during which God formed Israel as His chosen people and a holy nation. So, when John shows up, God is having for Himself a new Israel.

And for that, His new Israel needs to be cleansed. They need to be repented, and then they need to be bathed in His divine forgiveness. Sinful hearts scrubbed clean in the baptismal bath of the Jordan joined to the promise of God. By the way, repentance and baptism go together, even for you. You are repented by being baptised in the Triune Name (Matt. 28). In addition, living in and from your baptism is living a life of daily being repented, faithed and led in holy living by the Lord (Rom. 6).

John minces no words. He's quite blunt. When people come out to him to be baptised, he calls them a brood of poisonous snakes! Who warned them to flee from the wrath to come? What are they doing here? Oh my! That's hardly a way to have a church. Right? Then, John cuts through all the religious self-justification clutter. Don't credential yourselves by saying, "We have Abraham as our father." Don't try to play those trump cards. God couldn't care less. He doesn't give a flying flip about your bonafides. If He wanted, He could turn stones into children of Abraham.

You know it's Advent because John proclaims judgment. No holds barred, just ham-fisted judgment. The axe was already whacking away at the Israelite rootstock. The fire was already stoked. Any tree that did not bear good fruit would be cut down by the axe of God's judgment and thrown into the fire.

This was not some call to abstract repentance, either. This was a call to a genuine turning of the heart with the anticipation of works that flow from repentance. When the people asked John, "Therefore, what are we to do?" John told them. He got down to specifics. He didn't say, "Oh, you're a sinner; you can't do them, so don't bother trying." He didn't say, "You're justified by faith, so forget about works." He told them what the fruit of repentance looked like. You share your clothing with one who has none. You share your food with one who has none. You do your vocations honestly and with integrity. Tax collectors – collect no more than the fair tax. Soldiers – do not use your authority to extort money, and be content with your wages. In other words, fulfil your God-given callings with honesty, integrity, and uprightness.

John would say to us, "You brood of Lutheran lizards. Repent! Repent of your complacency, excuses, laziness, and religious hypocrisy. And don't you dare say, 'We have Luther as our father,' because men like Luther come a dime a dozen in God's economy of doing things. And Luther can't save you any more than Abraham can. So, repent. Repent of your shallow prayers, your superficial devotions, your endless complaining and whining; repent of your ingratitude for God's Word preached and taught; repent of your indifference to Christ's Body and the Blood offered in the Supper. Repent and throw away all the idols of your heart that won't let you have a Sabbath Day rest – EVER! Repent from the heart! And worship Jesus only!" That's ultimately what John's up to today at the Jordan in the wilderness. And while I'm at it, let me say this. Repentance is not a one-time thing. It's a way of life. Repentance is what it means to be a Christian. Daily, the old sinful nature called the old Adam must be drowned and die with all its sin and evil desires. Daily, the new man spelled F-A-I-T-H is to rise up to live in Christ, clothed with His righteousness, covered with His holiness, living in His perfection. That's living in and from your baptism.

In addition, repentance is something God works on us through His Word, and we shouldn't be surprised when He does it. Neither should we avoid it because it makes us "feel bad about ourselves." You're supposed to feel bad about yourself. After all,

St. Paul says, “I know that in me, that is, in my [sinful] flesh, dwells no good thing” (Rom. 7:18). Nothing in your sinful nature would make you feel good about yourself. So, today, through John, God sends the bulldozer of His Law right down the main streets of our lives. The highway of the Lord runs right through the middle of our being, through our very hearts and minds. That’s why the encounter with John today and all our lives are so uncomfortable. We see the truth about sinful selves, and we don’t like what we see.

This is the harsh side of Advent. This is what makes it a sombre and sober season even as the world parties on. We encounter John in all his prophetic edginess and realise that we are sinful and unclean. Our thoughts, desires, and actions – even the best and most noble of them – are hopelessly in need of a bath given by Jesus. We recognise this. You do. After a day of work, you feel like you need a bath; you need to get clean again. There isn’t a day spent in your vocations as fathers, mothers, citizens, workers – whatever God has given you to do – that you are not in need of a baptismal bath of repentance, a washing of water with the Word.

Fortunately for us, and blessedly, baptism, like repentance, is not a one-time thing. It has meaning every day of our lives. It is a daily gift. It is a daily working of God’s Word in our lives, killing us and making us alive. Cleansing us so that we can serve God and serve our neighbour in our vocations. Not to get saved but because we are saved by God’s undeserved kindness and mercy in Jesus, His Son.

John came to prepare the way of the Lord Jesus. John’s baptism of repentance came to its completion and fulfilment when Jesus stepped into the Jordan to be baptised as a sinner, to stand with us and in our place. The axe that was laid to the root of Israel fell upon Jesus. The wrath of God that threatens our damnation fell upon Jesus. The fire of God’s judgment against our sin came upon Jesus. Jesus is the good tree that bears the good fruit on behalf of all of humanity.

Grafted to Him in baptismal faith, joined to Jesus as branches to a living Vine, feeding off His death and life, you are a good tree, too. “Make the tree good,” Jesus said, “and the fruit will be good also.” First the tree, then the fruit. Get the repentance right, and the fruits of repentance will surely be there. And where there is repentance, where men and women recognise their sinfulness and confess it, where hearts are turned by the Spirit working through the Word, there a smooth and level highway is prepared for the Lord.

Since it is Advent, it’s time to prepare. Prepare the way of the Lord. Make His paths straight. Don’t be afraid of John or his harsh preaching or his baptism. He is a good and faithful preacher who seeks your salvation. He wants you to turn from your sin and then in your heart turn to Christ who comes to you, now hidden in His Word and bread and wine, and soon, I hope very soon, He will come to you in glory. Get ready. The Lord is near!

Children's Message:

See the picture of this car? It's made up of individual pieces of Lego. Have any of you ever built something out of Lego? You put all the pieces together and make something like this car. You can break it all up and put it back together again.



Have you ever had a toy that got broken? Maybe it even broke into a bunch of pieces. Maybe your mum or dad was able to help you put it back together. Or maybe not. Now, have you ever had something bad happen to you or your family? Or to someone you loved? Or maybe you lost your favourite pet. When we lose someone or something we love, it can hurt. A lot. You may even feel broken, like your toy.

God made each one of you. He put you on this earth to be His very special creation—much more special than any toys you might have. But living on this earth, where there's sin, where you're sinful, things get broken. Even we ourselves sometimes feel broken. But because God made you, He knows everything about you. If you ever get hurt or broken, He knows how to put you back together again—just like we put a Lego toy back together. So, in our Second Reading today from Philippians, Paul says, “*He who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus*” (4:6). This means that God will finish the job He started when He made you and when He made you a Christian. He'll put you back together so we can live with Him forever in heaven. That's what Jesus did for you and me when He went to the cross. He took the sin that has broken us and put us back together again.

Dear Jesus, I trust you and I love you. When I'm hurt or broken, please put me back together again so I can live with You in heaven. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

15 December 3 Advent	22 December 4 Advent	25 December Christmas Day
8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC 7.00pm MARBURG (Children's Christmas Program)	9.00am LOWOOD LR 9.30am TMBA HC incorporating the Downs Children's Christmas Service	7.30am MARBURG HC 10.00am OAK HC
Sunday, 15 December		
READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:44-7; Luke 7:18-35		
HYMNS: 3 1 402 (754 161) 17		
Sunday, 22 December		
READINGS: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-56		
HYMNS: 14 7 431 633		
Wednesday, 25 December		
READINGS: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-14		
HYMNS: 25 624 627 34 33 634		

Please take home with you today a copy of the latest Seminary Committee minutes, as well as Pastor's report from his recent trip down south.

There will be a combined Sunday School Children Christmas program practice on Saturday 14th December at 10am at Bethlehem Toowoomba.

Saturday, 14 December, 1.00pm. The next fellowship afternoon will be held at Bethlehem Toowoomba with an activity to make chrismons. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, 20 December. 7.30pm. Carols Evening at Trinity Oakey.