

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
PARISH OF BURNLEY



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November 2025

10:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

INTROIT HYMN, AM 54 O wake with tidings thrilling

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SENTENCE 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 path.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we maybe awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Saviour,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

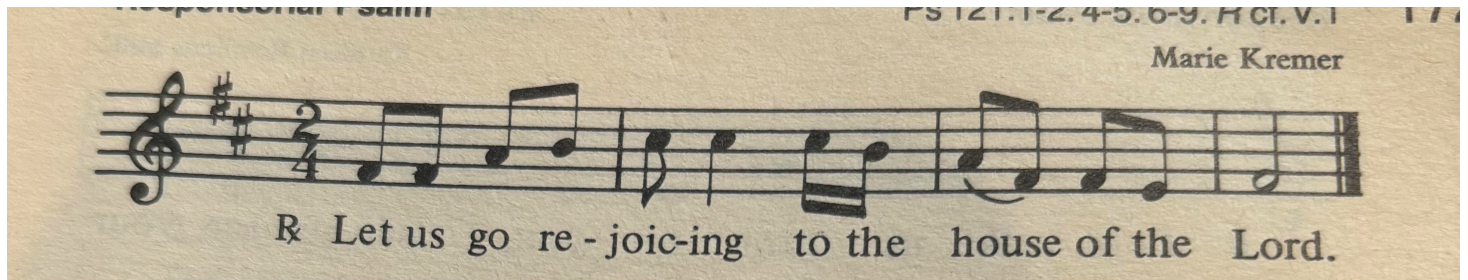
1ST READING, Isaiah 2.1-5

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 the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING Romans 13.9-14

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew 24.36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, ^[h] but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day ^[i] your Lord is coming. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD: Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo and Ukraine. For the Richmond Churches Food Centre and all those in need.

FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE Sandra, Bruce, John Ross, Jack, Neil, Craig, Helen, Nanette and Liam. *FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:*

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK: Ronnie King, Vi Wise, Beryl Coombe, William Lord, Van Tuan Nguye, Denis Palmer, Peter Williams, Molly Bramich, Beryl Sambell, Kaye Darcy, Gary Adams, Thomas Hegarty, Nelson Mandela, Mark Chimes, Sister Winifred Muriel.

Offertory Hymn: AM 32 Come Redeemer of the earth

Recessional Hymn: AM 38 Hark a thrilling voice is waiting

Following today's 10am Choral Eucharist we will gather together to discuss our 100-year celebrations in 2026 of the building of the current church. Please join us and share your ideas and hopes for the coming days and bring names of past parishioners we could invite to join us on this occasion.

Joint Christmas carol service at St Stephen's Richmond on the 14th December at 5pm. Mark in your diaries now.