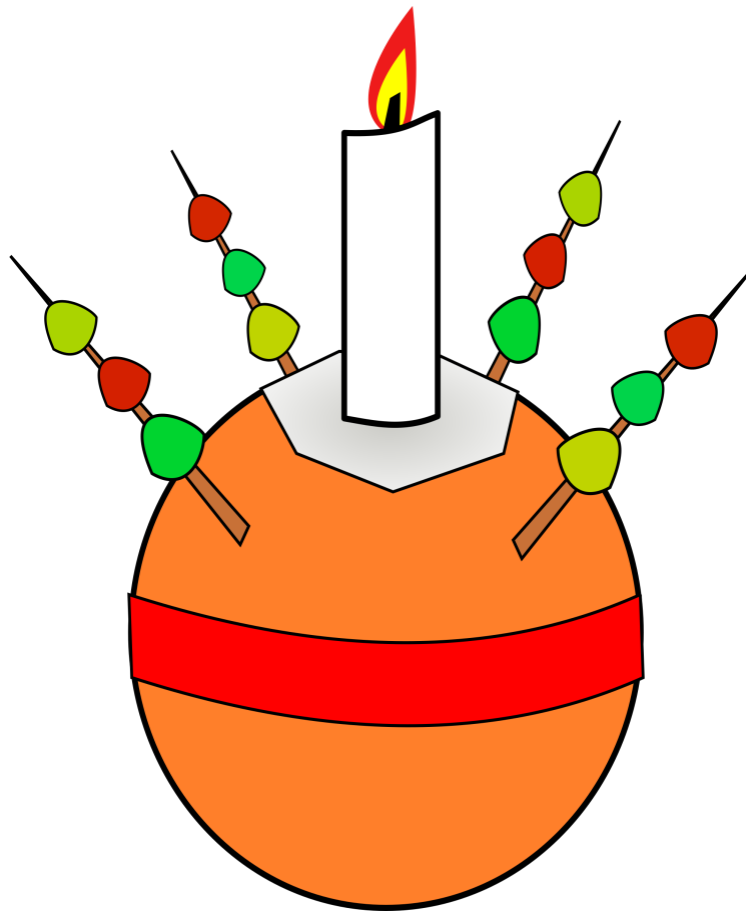


# **St Edburgha's Church Yardley**



## **CHRISTINGLE 2025**

## Second Sunday of Advent

### The Prophets

#### ***We sing:***

Advent candles tell their story  
As we watch and pray,  
Longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
Changed for gladness that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message, challenged, shaken  
hearts awaken: God is near!



## Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain:*

*Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain:*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain:*

## **Confession**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;  
born a child, you are one with us:

**Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of David;  
born to rule, you reign in our hearts:

**Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of Man;  
born to save, you are the light of the world:

**Glory to God in the highest.**

## **Reading: Matthew 3.1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

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

*Christ be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts shine through the darkness.*

*Christ be our light*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

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

*Christ be our light! ...*

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

*Christ be our light!...*

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

*Christ be our light!...*

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

*Christ be our light!...*

## Talk

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope to the world,  
we pray that your hope would live in us and  
that as a community we may find hope and light.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope to the vulnerable,  
we pray for those in need of your care and compassion.  
Bring hope to those who feel they are living in darkness.  
May we bring strength to the weary, joy to the downhearted  
and peace to those who are restless.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus,  
bringer of hope to children and young people,  
we pray for young people who are in dark situations.  
Shine your light on those who feel afraid  
and without hope, that they may have a brighter future.  
May we look to your example, not excluding anyone  
because of age but accepting all those we meet.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope to the helpers,  
we pray that you would be with those who support young people.  
Strengthen and enlighten teachers and carers in our community:  
may they know your blessing upon them.

We pray for the work of The Children's Society,  
and all those who support their work with young people.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

be the peace that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives always.  
**Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

### **Hymn:**

The spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk-in the light,  
walk-in the light,  
walk-in the light,  
walk-in the light of the Lord.*



Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk-in the light...*

He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light.  
To save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk-in the light...*

We know his death was not the end,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk-in the light...*

**When everyone has received a Christingle,  
remain seated to sing:**

1. Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and  
child  
Holy infant so tender and  
mild  
sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!

2. Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quail at the sight  
glories stream from heaven  
afar

heavenly hosts sing  
Hallelujah  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy  
face  
with the dawn of redeeming  
grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

### **Act of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, Light and hope of the World, as we hold these Christingles and think about your great love for us, help us to take this light out into the world and to share your love and hope with others, especially those who need it most.

**Amen**

### **Blessing**

We go into the world to walk in God's Light,  
to live in God's hope to rejoice in God's love,  
and to reflect God's glory.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among us and remain with us always.

**Amen**

### **Hymn**

Go forth and tell!  
O Church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take.  
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour Lord and King,  
That all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell!  
God's love embraces all;  
He will in grace respond to all who call.  
How shall they call if they have never heard  
The gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell!  
The doors are open wide  
Share God's good gifts -- let no one be denied.  
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose;  
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell!  
O Church of God arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies.  
Go till all nations his great name adore  
And serve him, Lord and King, for ever more.

### **Sending out**

We go in the light of Christ:  
**To shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen**

**Please join us for Tea & Coffee after the service**



## Weekly Notices

Service next, 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Holy Communion

### Services for Advent and Christmas

14<sup>th</sup> December 4:00pm S&P Painters Memorial Service (St Edburgha)

14<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm Carol Service (All Saints)

21<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight (St Edburgha)

24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Crib Service (St Edburgha)

24<sup>th</sup> December 11pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass 11:30pm (St Edburgha)

25<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am Holy Communion (St Edburgha)

We remember those in need of our prayers:

**Geoff Lanham – Vicar – Knowle Parish Church (KPC)**

Jackie B, Peter S, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

### ★ Carol Singing at Heartlands Hospital

Wednesday 10th December at 11.00 am. Meet at the bottom of the escalator in the main entrance.

Contact Sylvia Roberts for further details. Tel: 07771 655789



### Foodbank needs:

Tins of tomatoes, fruit, rich puddings, fish and meat.  
Jars of jam. Cartons of long-life milk. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

## **Congregational Christmas Card**



Cut your carbon footprint - sign the **Congregational Christmas Card!** At the beginning of December a large card will appear on the notice-board at the back of church. **Instead of sending individual cards** you are invited to use this to write your greetings to church friends and drop a donation into the sock below. All donations this year will go to **Crisis**, the national charity for homeless people. Sylvia Roberts 07771 - 655789

**Safeguarding.** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913  
Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

**General enquiries:** The Parish Office, Church Hall, Church Road, B33 8PD email [stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com) 783 4736 The Parish Office is normally open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am – 12:30pm

**Electronic Order of Service.** You can access today's service sheet on your phone/tablet on the following link <https://stedburghasyardley.com/sunday-service> by using this QR code or the following link: [https://stedburghasyardley.com/sunday-service we can reduce the number of printed copies required, which helps to reduce our carbon footprint](https://stedburghasyardley.com/sunday-service-we-can-reduce-the-number-of-printed-copies-required-which-helps-to-reduce-our-carbon-footprint)



## Today 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Tree Festival

By candle-light 12:30 – 16:30

Free Entry – Refreshments available

## 17th December

Christmas Wreath/table/door decoration making 2 sessions  
Starting 17:30 & 20:00 – Cost £23.00 which includes everything  
needed to make wreaths. Refreshments are also included in  
the cost. All you need to bring are sharp scissors or secateurs.  
Booking is essential on:- 0121-291-0401



## Christmas Table Sale



Are you looking for ideas for Christmas  
presents??

Have a look at our St. Edburgha goods:-

**Jams, Chutneys and hand-made Christmas  
Cards,** on the table at the front of the North  
aisle.







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@ St Edburgha

Ever wonder what the world would be like if you were never born?

Join us for a cozy night of classic Christmas cinema, snacks, and great company!

***Free entry; with homemade refreshments for sale***

**Friday, 12 December  
7:00 PM**

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**[stedburghasyardley.com](http://stedburghasyardley.com)**

