Prayers

For God so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jn 3 16

We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially for Christians whose faith puts them at risk. We give thanks for our own church and for the gifts and talents you have given us. Help us to understand these gifts more fully and share them within our church and community. Renew our generosity with our time and talents, and our vision of what it means to be your church in Hale Barns.

Creator God, we pray for peace in the world, for understanding between nations, religions and factions and for an end to old scores which remain unsettled. We especially pray for the peoples of the Middle East as the conflict continues and for Christian, Muslim and Jew, that they may live alongside one another in mutual respect and harmony. We pray too for fair shares and fair trade and that the talents of the workers of the world are rewarded.

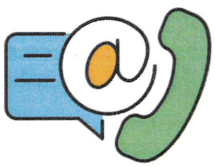
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Father God, be with all who feel that, through advancing years or failing health, they cannot enjoy life as it used to be. We especially pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them.
We name *Jane Sanders, Pauline Clemo, Christine Rooke, Nigel Hepworth, Michael Sargent and Father Gordon*

Merciful God, we remember those who have died and for those who are bereaved. May the light of Christ bring hope to their dark places. Gracious God, forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings. Help us to recognise all the wonderful gifts for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

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A Listening Ear



Ring Debbie Buckley (Pastoral Care Co-ordinator) if you or someone you're worried about would like someone from the team or a priest to talk to or to pray with or for you 0161 980 7147.

Upcoming Events

2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT
15th November 2026



Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18
Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

6.30pm Evening Prayer in church and zoom.
Email: timgordon2707@gmail.com for a zoom link.
Psalm 89.19-37*, Revelation 1.4-18

Morning Prayer 8.30am Thurs in church only
Eucharist Tuesday 9.30am

ALTRINCHAM INTERFAITH GROUP -
Invites you to the Alf Keeling Lecture on **Wed. 18th Nov.at 7pm** in the All Saints Church Hall.
Tickets £6 under 12s free. The Right Rev. Dr David Walker (Bishop of Manchester) is the guest speaker.
The topic is 'Faith in Public Life'
To book email:
secretary@altrincham-interfaith.org.uk

Please support the work of **foodbank**
Some items needed right now are:-
Tined Fruit/Veg, Instant mas,
Custard/Rice pudding, Soup, Tinned Spaghetti,
Corial, Cereal, Pasta Sauce,
Toiletries/toilet rolls, Washing Powder, Coffee/Tea, Biscuits.



Altrincham URC Guild Festive Fair - Sat. 21st Nov 10.30-12 noon in the Church Hall. **Entry £3** (cash only) incl. tea/coffee & a mince pie. All profits to Guild Charities. see www.altrinchamurc.org.uk

Hymns

To Sing in the morning

760 Rejoice! The Lord is King
725 Make me a channel of your peace
358 Be still for the presence of the Lord
546 O lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
..... **In the evening**
131 O for a closer walk with God

Readings

Monday 16th November *Margaret, queen, philanthropist, c.1093*
Psalm 47; Daniel 8.1-14; Revelation 10
Tuesday 17th November *Hugh, bishop, c.1200*
Psalm 52; Daniel 8.15-end; Revelation 11.1-14
Wednesday 18th November *Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist*
Psalm 56; Daniel 9.1-19; Revelation 11.15-end
Thursday 19th November *Hilda, abbess, c.680*
Psalm 62; Daniel 9.20-end; Revelation 12
Friday 20th November *Edmund, king, ,martyr, c.870*
Psalm 65; Daniel 10.1-11.1; Revelation 13.1-10
Saturday 21st November
Psalm 78.1-39; Daniel 12; Revelation 13.11-end

Next Sunday is
CHRIST the KING
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46



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Sunday 15 November 2026 Second Sunday before Advent

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy
the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and
glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (or 90:1-8)

R *O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.*

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **R**

You turn us back to dust and say:
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are
but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. **R**

[When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are three score years
and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone. **R**

Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear you?]
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



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