

**NEXT SUNDAY – 23 DECEMBER  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

11.00am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

**ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH**

8.00am Said Eucharist

**ST PETROX CHURCH**

No service today

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, DITTISHAM**

9.15am Sung Eucharist

*Readings at the Sung Eucharist 23 December  
Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)*

**NOTICES**

Children are very welcome at all our services. There are children's resources in each of our churches. A sidesperson will be happy to help you. Please feel free to move around with children if they need a change of scene.

Please note there is no hearing loop system in St Saviour's Church.

Large print copies of the service booklets are available.

The toilet, which has full access and facilities for baby changing and the disabled, is located under the tower on the right hand side.

**THURSDAYS AT ST CLEMENT'S**

St Clement's is open every Thursday from 10.00am for 'Coffee and Chat' – light lunches available during the winter months.

Volunteers needed to help with lunches, please see Fran Poulton.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACE**

Prayers for Peace are said in St Saviour's Church each Friday between 11.30am and midday. All are welcome.

**Please note the next service will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

**BENEFICE OFFICE**

The Benefice Office in St Saviour's is open on Saturday from 10.30-11.30am to arrange marriages and baptisms.

**Tel: 01803 835540 Email: [office@dartmouthanddittisham.co.uk](mailto:office@dartmouthanddittisham.co.uk)**

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**ADVENT – a time of waiting and preparation**

As we prepare to welcome our Lord at Christmas, we need to be ready spiritually as well as practically. Take some time amid the busy preparations to think about your relationship with God. There are some cards at the back of church with some thoughts and recommended reading.

**Christmas Service Cards are available, please take some to deliver in your area.**

Anchormen Arise: a special Anchormen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 8.00-10.00am in memory of our good friend John Barker.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm at St Saviour's  
A service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**EPIPHANY – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Please note the 11am Sung Eucharist will be held in St Saviour's Church and will be followed by lunch at St Clement's Church at about 1pm. Please sign the list in church if you would like to come.

Donation of £5 per adult £2.50 per child

*This will also be an opportunity to say farewell to Father Keith of BRNC as he leaves Dartmouth. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Father Keith, there are envelopes at the back of church.*

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DARTMOUTH AND DITTISHAM**

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**16 DECEMBER 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Celebrant & Preacher: Father Will Hazlewood*



Today's Services

**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

8.00am Said Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH**

11.00am Sung Eucharist

**ST PETROX CHURCH**

No service today

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, DITTISHAM**

9.15am Sung Eucharist

4.00pm Family Carol Service

Services during this week:

**Monday 17 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

**Tuesday 18 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

2.00pm & 6.00pm St John the Baptist Nativity – St Clement's

**Wednesday 19 December**

9.00am Morning Prayer – St Saviour's

10.00am Eucharist – St Saviour's

**Thursday 20 December**

8.45am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

9.30am Said Eucharist – St Clement's

**Friday 21 December**

No service today

**Saturday 22 December**

10.30-11.30am Benefice Surgery - St Saviour's

Midday Prayer is said daily  
(Mon - Thur) in St Saviour's Church

**Hymns:**

401	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
519	Thy kingdom come, O God
196	Hark! A herald voice is calling
-	The God of Israel blessed be
529	Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling

## Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of  
the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## A Reading from the book of the prophet

### Zephaniah (3.14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has  
turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear  
disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives  
victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew  
you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a  
day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear  
reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will  
change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather  
you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the  
peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your  
eyes, says the Lord.

## A reading from the letter of Paul to the

### Philippians (1.3-11)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your  
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not  
worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made  
known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in  
Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

## The Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,  
'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath  
to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In  
reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share  
with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do  
likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they  
asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them,  
'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers  
also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to

them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false  
accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were  
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might  
be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I  
baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is  
coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He  
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-  
fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather  
the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with  
unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good  
news to the people.

## Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

## Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Margaret and Frank Wetenhall; Patricia Camp;  
Eileen Hobson; Barry; Doreen Renbold; John; Simon Atwell;  
Jane Snodgrass; Sandra Chase; Michelle; David Wright;  
Carol; Anne Hinsley; Emma; Debbie; Jeanette Connolly; Eric  
Saunders; Sue Rowe-Jones.

**The recently departed:** Timothy Grace-McDonald; Audrey  
Bryce; Albert Cridge; John Barker; Georges Brown.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:**  
Jean Springbett; Kathleen Sidders; Derek Chapman; Micki  
Lingard.

**The Worldwide Church:** Kivu. Rwanda

## HEADINGS FOR READINGS

First reading (Zeph. 3 :14-20). A clarion call to  
Jerusalem to rejoice because in spite of past infidelity  
the Lord will renew his loving relationship with his  
people. May he do the same for us this Advent.

Second reading (Phil. 4 :4-7). An extraordinarily  
cheerful message from a prisoner, is it not? It is  
provoked not by hysteria, but by tranquillity, Paul's  
firm conviction that the Lord who is to come again is  
his present steadfast support.

Gospel (Luke 3 :7-18). John the Baptist is blunt in  
spelling out some of the uncompromising demands of  
fellowship with Christ. The underlying tone of urgency  
and expectancy which the evangelist injects into the  
scene should find an echo in our personal attitude  
towards the second coming.

## Our Advent Book - A Shaking Reality Peter B. Price.

In Advent Peter Price gently calls us to be shaken by Jesus,  
to have our senses stirred. There will be time to share this  
book on Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30-8.30pm at St Saviours.

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## LENT 2019

Have you got a question about faith? The Lent Course  
will be exploring issues of faith, please email  
office@dartmouthanddittisham  
or drop in your questions.

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**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of  
Walsingham: 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019** Please see  
posters for details of next year's pilgrimage, more  
information from Fr Will, Jill or Lydia. Please add your name  
to the list if you would like to join us.