

08.00	Holy Communion President	Book of Common Prayer Revd Barrie Gaskell
10.30	Parish Communion President Hymn Reading	Common Worship with Prayer for healing Revd Moira Slack 26 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Evelyn Weston
	Gradual Hymn Gospel Sermon Creed Anthem	24 Mark 1: 1-8 Revd Barrie Gaskell Hosanna to the son of David Weelkes

Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna! Thou that sittest in the highest heavens; Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Intercessions	Joy Pope
Offertory Hymn	311
Communion Hymn	36
	28
Final Hymn	87
Organ Music	

14.30 Compassionate Friends Service

18.30 Evening Prayer Canon Michael Williams

Midweek Services

Tuesday	12.15	Holy Communion	Revd M Slack
Wed'nesday	12.15	Carols round the tree	
Thursday	12.15	Holy Communion	Revd P Edwards
Friday	12.15	Carols round the tree	

SERVICES next Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

08.00	Holy Communion President	Book of Common Prayer Red Moira Slack
10.30	Parish Communion President Reader Intercessions	Book of Common Prayer Canon Kenneth Newport Lesley Easterman Elizabeth Tatman
18.00	Christmas Carol service	

Are you new to Bolton or to this church?

Please fill in a contact card from the table at the back of church.

Welcome to our worship, especially if you are visiting or joining us for the first time. We hope that you will feel at home and will join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service in the Parish Hall. There is an induction loop for the hard of hearing; turn to T on your hearing aid and let a Church officer know if you have any problems.

Meditation Group: The Meditation Group meets on Monday at 7.30pm and Thursday at 2.00pm at the Friends Meeting House.

Church flowers for Christmas: There will be an opportunity to donate to the flower fund for Christmas and the weeks beyond to Lent, after the service today. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers: The flower team will be decorating the church for Christmas from 10am on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd December. Volunteer helpers and visitors will be most welcome! Gifts of holly and ivy from your garden would be gratefully received on Sunday 17th December. Thank you

The Church Family Christmas Party is next Saturday, 16th December 2017, from 4p.m. Everyone (not just Sunday School connections) is sincerely welcome.

For our prayers

Diocese: For David Bishop of Manchester, Mark Bishop of Middleton, Mark Bishop of Bolton. Parishes in the Deanery of Heywood and Middleton; Dioceses of Chester, Kuopio (Finland), Western North Carolina

World: Countries of the Middle East, Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen; Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela

People: All for whom this is a difficult season – the bereaved, lonely, homeless, unemployed, and deprived.

For people in need, sickness or adversity.

Sunday 10 December
Second Sunday of Advent

Collect:

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 40.

1. I WAITED patiently for the Lord:*
and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
2. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay:*
and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
3. And he hath put a new song in my mouth:*
even a thanksgiving unto our God.
4. Many shall see it, and fear:*
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
5. Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord:*
and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.
6. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward:*
and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.
7. If I should declare them, and speak of them:*
they should be more than I am able to express.
8. Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not:*
but mine ears hast thou opened.
9. Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required:*
then said I, Lo, I come,
10. In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God:*
I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.
11. I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation:*
lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.
12. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart:*
my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.
13. I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth:*
from the great congregation.
14. Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord:*
let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.
15. For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up:*
yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.
16. O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me:*
make haste, O Lord, to help me.
17. Let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it:*
let them be driven backward and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

18. Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame:*
that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.
19. Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee:*
and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.
20. As for me, I am poor and needy:*
but the Lord careth for me.
21. Thou art my helper and redeemer:*
make no long tarrying, O my God.

First Reading: 1 Kings 22: 1-28

Magnificat:

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord*
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded:*
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3. For behold from henceforth:*
All generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me:*
and holy is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him:*
throughout all generations.
6. He hath showed strength with his arm:*
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat:*
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things:*
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy:*
hath holpen his servant Israel;
10. As he promised to our forefathers:*
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Second reading: Romans 15: 4-13

Nunc Dimittis:

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:*
according to thy word,
2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:*
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
3. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:*
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen