

## These are the readings for Morning Prayer Advent Three

Please use in conjunction with Morning Prayer

### Monday

Psalm 40  
Isaiah 38. 21-22  
Matthew 16.13-  
end

### Thursday

Psalm 76  
Zephaniah 1.1-2.3  
Matthew 17.22-  
end

### Tuesday

Psalm 70  
Isaiah 38.9-20  
Matthew 17.1-13

### Friday

Psalm 98  
Zephaniah 3.1-13  
Matthew 18.1-20

### Wednesday

Psalm 75  
Isaiah 39  
Matthew 17.14-21

### Saturday

Psalm 71  
Zephaniah 3.14-  
end  
Matthew 18.21-  
end



## Parish Weekly News Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the Priory and to our Sunday services. A very special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time.

### The Priory - 14th December 2025

**8.00am** Holy Communion BCP  
Celebrant The Reverend Nick Devenish

**10.30am** Sung Eucharist  
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Setting: Rutter  
Hymn: 34 On Jordan's bank  
Reading: James 5.7-10  
Gradual Hymn: 38 The people that in darkness  
Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11  
Off Hymn: 435 Glorious things of thee  
Comm: This is the record of John  
- Gibbons  
Post Communion Hymn: 607 Thy kingdom come  
Recessional: Praeludium in G minor  
- Buxtehude

**3.30pm** Cartmel Choral Society Concert  
Music for Christmas

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**For Our Prayers  
Third Sunday of Advent**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare  
the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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.  
**Amen.**

**The Morning Service Readings**

**First Reading**

**James 5.7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 11.2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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