

These are the readings for
Morning Prayer One before Advent

Please use in conjunction with Morning Prayer

Monday

Psalm 96
Isaiah 14.3–20
Matthew 9.18–34

Tuesday

Psalm 97
Isaiah 17
Matthew 9.35–10.15

Wednesday

Psalm 112
Isaiah 19
Matthew 10.16–33

Thursday

Psalm 125
Isaiah 21.1–12
Matthew 10.34–11.1

Friday

Psalm 139
Isaiah 22.1–14
Matthew 11.2–19

Saturday

Psalm 145
Isaiah 24
Matthew 11.20–end



Parish Weekly News
Sunday before 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 - 23rd November 2025

8.00am Holy Communion BCP
Celebrant The Reverend Nick Devenish

10.30am Sung Eucharist
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Setting: The Addington Service
- Shephard
Hymn: 165 Christ is the King!
Reading: Colossians 1.11-20
Gradual Hymn: 172 The head that once was crowned
Gospel: Luke 20.27-40
Off Hymn: 380 At the name of Jesus
Comm: Tu Rex gloriae, Christe - Gounod
Post Communion Hymn: 395 Christ is our cornerstone
Recessional: Te Deum - Langlais

3.30pm Choral Evensong BCP
The Reverend Nick Devenish
Responses - Reading
Psalm 72 (Chant: 84)
First Reading: 1 Samuel 8.4-20
Office: 398 Christ triumphant
Magnificat: Walmisley in D minor
Second Reading: John 18.33-37
Nunc Dimittis: Walmisley in D minor
Anthem: O nata lux - Tallis
Final Hymn: 546 O worship the King
Recessional: Sonata No. 3, i - Mendelssohn

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For Our Prayers
Sunday before Advent

God the Father,
help us to hear the call
of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Morning Service Readings

First Reading **Colossians 1.11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading **Luke 20.27-40**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' For they no longer dared to ask him another question.