



Third Sunday in Advent – Clean Up!

After waking up in the mornings, we clean up ready for the day!

We clean up... ..

1. For Action (Ephesians 5 v11-20)

How does God's light and power direct your life?

2. To find the Way (Matt 7 v13-16a)

It's sometimes difficult to find the right way.

What are the signposts that help you to find your way?

3. From the Inside Out (Mark 7 v20-23)

Does 'Tradition' outweigh the 'Truth'? When does 'Our Way' outweigh 'God's Way'?

4. Wholeheartedly (Joel 2 v12-13 & 25-32)

Living for God is not like a pantomime (oh no it isn't). God wants our wholehearted worship, witness, service and prayer.

5. To join the Celebration (Matt 22 v 11-14)

Are you clothing yourself in righteousness?

6. To Serve (Mark 1 v29-31)

What is it, particularly at this time of year, that saps your energy? Allow Jesus to restore you.

7. For Life (1 Cor v7 Rom 5 v 2b-5)

In what ways can you be cleansed, renewed and remade this Advent?

“The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before ... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God's [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit.

Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing.

For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.”

Jan L. Richardson

ian@stsp.org.uk

GRAPEVINE for this week... Sunday 15th December 2019!

Today in our 0830 Ian is preaching at St Paul's and also in our 1030 at St Peters, with Johnny preaching at our St Paul's, 1830 service continuing in Mark 4.

Thank you for your input in the Carols on the Green, Hustings and other community events in our community....

Advent materials are available today in print form, and on our church website in the 'whats on' area, www.stph.org.uk/post/advent-1

Tonight 5.30pm or 7.30pm Christmas Concert at St Peters

There is no 6.30pm public worship tonight at St Pauls

Wednesday 18th December 10.30am, Traditional Christmas Communion at St Pauls

Wednesday 18th 12noon, Contemporary Christmas Communion at St Peters

Thursday 19th December, Emerson Park Special, 2.30pm Christmas Celebration with readings & carols, 3.30pm Christmas Party, & 4.30pm sharing food together

Sunday 22nd December, 12-3pm, Festive drinks & canapes

at The Old Vicarage, Swanley Village

Sunday 22nd December, 5.30pm or 7.30pm Carols by Candlelight at St Pauls

All details of our Christmas plans are updated and on our church website with all else in the 'what's on' area, as with all other news.

www.stph.org.uk/post/christmas

Many thanks to all the church family who have supported the Foodbank over the last year. Our recent TESCO collection was a big success and 1,485 kilos of food was given and our shelves are full ready for the run up to Christmas. We thank all those who helped out over the three days of collection and for your support throughout the year filling the box in the lobby at St. Peter's. The Trustees would like to thank you for your support in helping those in need in the local area, John Kahan

Book in yourself or others if you'd like for the Active Listening Course now live, with Karen or Sue at the office at the end of February

www.stph.org.uk/post/active-listening

We continue to welcome your generosity in giving to God's work in our community! Sort Code: 20-25-42 Acc: 80859710. *Please ask Chris or Sue at the office for a Gift Aid form which will add 20% to your offering with no further cost to you.*

WE ARE COMMITTED TO
LOVING GOD
GROWING FAMILY AND
INCREASING HOPE!

