



Reading - Matthew 25 1-13

Are you a sleepy Christian?

‘While your body is in the house of God, your heart is not there. The hymns and the prayers are just the same, but you have fallen into a state of slumber.’ C.H. Spurgeon.

Sleepy Christians are unresponsive, not in reality and inactive. God says Wake up, wake up, O Zion! Clothe yourself with strength. Put on your beautiful clothes, O holy city of Jerusalem, for unclean and godless people will enter your gates no longer. Isaiah 52:1

Sleepy Christians are complacent. “I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ‘Wake up!’” Revelation 3: 1-2

- **Let the Church wake up**
- **This is our hour, let’s not sleep through it.**

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: *for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.* Romans 13:11

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GRAPEVINE for this week... Sunday 8th December 2019!

Today in our 0830 Sue 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.

This afternoon we’ll host a hustings prior to the General Election, at 1630, at St Peter’s hearing from all of the Sevenoaks parliamentarian candidates.

This years Christmas Craft Fayre held last Saturday raised a wonderful £750 for the Building Fund. Many congrats and thanks go to Alison, Eileen and the team for all their hard work

Christmas stamps - When you buy your stamps this Christmas do make a point of asking for the 'religious' (ie Christian) ones - lack of demand could easily become a reason for discontinuing them, & you can explain why at the counter!

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

Saturday 14th December, Emerson Park, Christmas Market, 12noon - 5pm

Sunday 15th December, 5.30pm or 7.30pm Christmas Concert at St Peters

There is no 6.30pm public worship being held at St Pauls on Sunday 15th December

Tuesday 17th December, 1pm St Pauls Primary School Christmas special

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

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

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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.*

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GROWING FAMILY AND
INCREASING HOPE!

