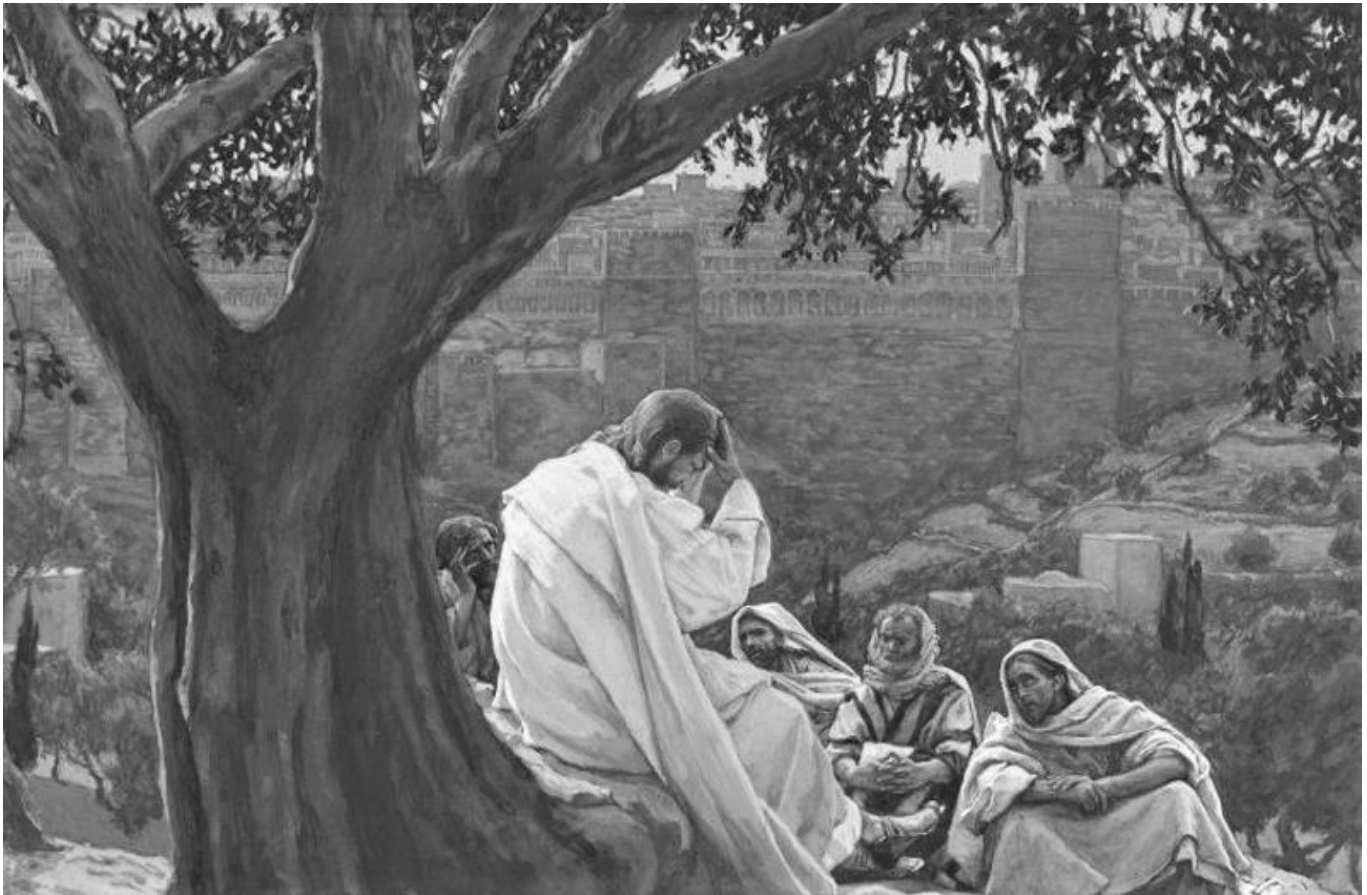


SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple, Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple
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Second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.

An audio *loop system* is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

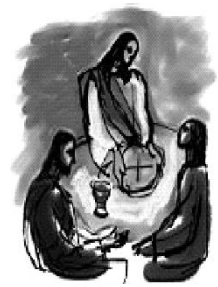
Today: Sunday 16th November 2025

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said*

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist Coffee/tea follows this service

The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
Grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory,
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke chapter seventeen beginning at verse eleven. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to

testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope.
Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Services this week

Wednesday 19th November 7.30pm Zoom Compline See eNewsletter for access code and link

Thursday 20th November with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side Chapel.

A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.

Saturday A Musical Celebration at St Cecilia's tide 7pm in church.

See flyer for more information.

Next Sunday: Sunday before Advent | 23.11.25

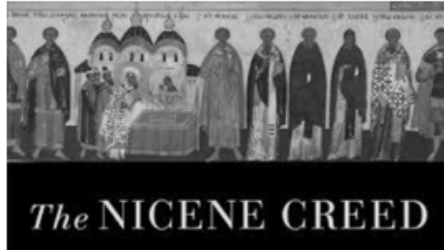
9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said*

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist *Coffee / Tea follows this service and all are welcome*

6:30pm Choral Evensong with Excelsus. Directed by Tony Morrison

St. JOHN'S AUTUMN STUDY GROUP 2025

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- 4th November - What 'The Da Vinci Code' gets badly wrong: the background to the Nicene Creed
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- 2nd December - Why the Nicene Creed matters

To register please email - briandcrowe@aol.com



Prayer Diary: Week beginning 16/11/2025

Porvoo Communion Churches:

Church of England: Diocese of Rochester, Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop Simon Burton-Jones

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Notices: | Sign up for the regular email Update – do sign up for this to keep up to date with the parish programme events and link to the parish magazine.

Contactless Payments The Select Vestry has made a contactless payment devices available in the parish and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the hall or in the vestibule.

Giving and Stewardship in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or secstjohns@btconnect.com. Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

Organising your wedding in St John's

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.

Hospital Visiting

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

Safeguarding

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the **Parish panel**. Rev Canon Stephen Fielding 9066 6644 | Mrs Patricia Armstrong 07854005699
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Donations to the Foodbank can either be placed directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the Foodbank. Or ***please place items in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.***

Open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.

Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR

Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk

Some £340 was raised from collections for charities Marie Curie and Womens' Aid in October.

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the evil and suffering in the world. It is also easy to be overwhelmed by the grand scope and challenge of the Gospel and its vision of a restored world. But, in the midst of these two overwhelming realities is a simple, but powerful response – the contribution that is made by a life of daily discipline and faithfulness to what is right. Such small contributions, when put together, make a significant difference in the big scheme of things. Again, it's not the first time the lectionary has challenged us in this way, but it is an important message as we seek to live out our faith in practical ways that do offer value to others.

May we be inspired to continue our small, faithful acts of following Christ through this week's worship.

READINGS:

Isaiah 65:17-25: Isaiah's vision of a new heaven and new earth, a place where God dwells, and where all people enjoy prosperity, health, well-being, and long life.

Psalms 98: A song of praise inviting all creation to celebrate God's salvation and mercy.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13: Paul admonishes the believers to be disciplined, to concentrate on their own work and do it well, and to ensure that they do not grow tired of doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19: Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple, and warns his followers about the false messiahs, wars, and persecutions that they will have to face.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

In most of the readings this week, two themes seem to stand side by side. The first is the theme of evil, persecution, and God's judgement on wickedness. Luke's Gospel speaks directly about this, and of how God protects God's faithful ones through such turbulent times. The second theme is that of restoration and of God's final, peaceful, prosperous world, in which all people live in well-being and joy. Isaiah 65 and Psalms 98 all describe this. These two themes complement each other in that they describe the working out of God's salvation history in human affairs: evil and strife are at work in the world, and people who live according to God's alternative values are misunderstood and persecuted, but God's reign continues to work, and to transform the world and its people into loving, peaceful, and just men and women. This is not so much a war between good and evil as it is the evolution of the world from chaos and immaturity into beauty, creativity, and maturity in God's gracious, compassionate purposes. In the middle of this grand cosmic scenario, Paul's message to the Thessalonians appears prosaic and misplaced. However, when it comes down to it, the very thing that sustains us during the turbulent times, and that ultimately transforms worlds, is the committed, disciplined living of a good, responsible, practical life by people of faith. Simply by working each day faithfully and in goodness, God's salvation and 'shalom' enters our world. Small contributions really do make a difference in the grand scheme of things.

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