



St Andrew's Church Clevedon



Family Worship Sunday 13th December

Theme: **Third Sunday in Advent**

Led by: Angela Fraser

Address: Doug Fraser

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

As we light the Advent candles today.

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you
now.
Amen.



Let us pray:

All:
**Lord Jesus, your servant John the Baptist
called people to prepare for your coming
by caring for one another.
Give us willing hearts to reach out
to all people in need
with your love and compassion.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION for ADVENT

All

Lord God,

we praise you for sending light into this world.

**We confess that we live as though
the light had never defeated darkness.**

**We confess that we ignore the Saviour you sent
to be among us and to live in us.**

**We've kept the birth of your Son
confined to the Christmas season
and do not yearn for his coming
every moment in our waiting hearts.**

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.

Prepare us for His return.

**Help us rejoice in the light
so that your grace can illuminate
the darkened places of our hearts.**

Amen.

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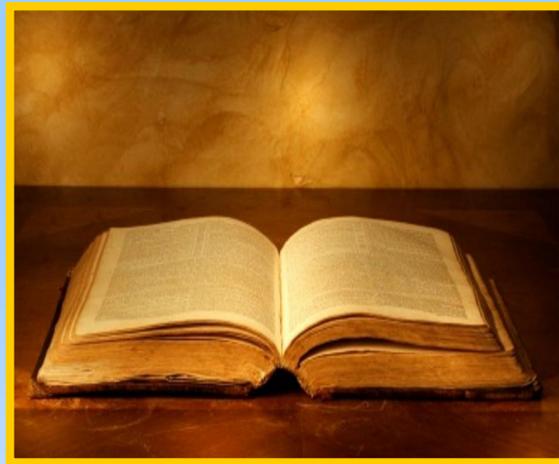
ABSOLUTION

SONG *It came upon a midnight clear*

**It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious king
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing**

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

For lo, the days are hastening on
By prophets seen of old
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
It's ancient splendour fling
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing



READING *John 1: v 6-8 & 19-28*

Read by: Bev Harris

ADDRESS *Doug Fraser*

HYMN *I will sing the wondrous story*

**I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
how he left his home in glory,
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes I'll Sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with his saints in glory
gathered by the crystal sea**

**I was lost: but Jesus found me –
found his sheep that went astray;
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way
Yes I'll Sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with his saints in glory
gathered by the crystal sea**

**He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet;
then he'll bear me safely over,
where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**



INTERCESSIONS

Led by: Andrew Farrer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer: a poem by Christine Sine,

Breathing in Advent

In this season of waiting,
breathe in life.
Life of the One
who created all things,
whose image we bear.

In this season of waiting,
breathe in love.
Love of the One
who gave a precious Son
to live as one of us.

In this season of waiting,
breathe in peace.
Peace of the One
who calmed the sea
and quiets the tumult of our souls.



In this season of waiting,
breathe in hope.
Hope that the One
for whom we wait
Is indeed making all things whole

THE BLESSING

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We look forward to you joining us next week for

ONLINE MORNING WORSHIP

with

Rev'd Trevor Cranshaw and Pete Skett

and

Please join us later in the day for

ONLINE CAROLS & READINGS

FOR CHRISTMAS

and

On 24th December at 3.00pm

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