

ADVENT

BENWELL  TEAM PARISH
SCOTSWOOD

WELCOME

Welcome! We are very happy to have you join us as we meet to worship God. If you need assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Do not worry if you are unfamiliar with the church; watch, listen, and join in as you feel comfortable.

Children are very welcome here and activities for them are often available.

If you would like communion brought to you or need gluten free bread, please just let us know. If you would prefer a blessing just keep your hands together and head bowed as you come forwards.

If there is a collection then we are always grateful for donations, but you are welcome here without any pressure or expectation. To give digitally or find out more information have a look at our website at benwellscotswood.com.

ADVENT

Advent is a season of expectation; we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at his birth but also look for the coming of Christ at the end of time. It is a time of simplicity and expectant hope for the light shining in the darkness.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Newcastle

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

First Sunday of Advent; the Patriarchs:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the mothers and fathers of our faith heard your call
help us to hear your call at Christmas
to bring justice and peace to the world
as we journey in the hope of your promise. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent; the Prophets:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent; John the Baptist:

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent; Mary:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.
Amen.

CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and
deed, through negligence,
through weakness, through
our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent
of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve
you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

*or with introductory
sentences:*

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

The prayer for the day, we respond:
Amen.

READINGS

One or more scripture readings ending with:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *or* PSALM

GOSPEL

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

We stand and affirm our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Kneel or sit.

These or other responses:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

The prayers may end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Stand

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet each other and say 'peace be with you'.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Bread and wine are brought forward, the altar is prepared, and a collection may be taken.

These prayers may be used:

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please remain standing if you are able.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16th December:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and *saying/singing:*

From 17th December until Christmas Eve:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.

John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

We say or sing the Sanctus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Sit or kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and
for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We say or sing the Agnus Dei:

**Jesus,
Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus,
bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus,
redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

or **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

These or other words may be used:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a
blessing.*

Hymns may be sung.

Silence may be kept.