

## Second Sunday before Advent

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25 and Mark 13:1–8

### Services today

**10.30 am Benefice Traditional Remembrance Sunday Worship** – at St Nicholas Dersingham

### Next week, 21 November

**9.30 am The Gathering** – with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Dersingham

**11 am Traditional Worship** – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Dersingham

### The Well, Ingoldisthorpe

Supported by a grant from the Diocese to expand opportunities for worship and community-building, The Well will be located at Ingoldisthorpe Church Hall.

It will include a coffee shop staffed by a Barista Evangelist, who'll offer hospitality and Christian outreach.

The Well's mission is to connect with people who don't know about Jesus but who may be searching for meaning in their lives, or who feel isolated or without friendship.

The Well is a safe, welcoming space in which we can share the love of Jesus with the community.

Please pray for The Well as we step forward for the Gospel to those who don't yet know the wellspring of living water that is Christ. –*Rev Mark*

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[dersinghamonlineworship.com](http://dersinghamonlineworship.com)

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

Hebrews 10:14–16

### Bible Readings

Sunday, 21 November

**Christ the King – The Sunday next before Advent**

First reading: Revelation 1:4b–8

Second reading: John 18:33–37

### Word for Today

The free copies of the Bible daily devotional *Word for Today* are now available in the benefice churches. Please help yourself to a copy. They are a good, short daily source of spiritual wisdom and insight. –*Rev Mark*

*“They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn; At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them.”*



## The Lighthouse

Benefice of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe and Shernborne

### Remembrance Sunday

‘There was evening, and there was morning’ – Genesis 1:19

Dear Friends. At 11am on the 11th November each year, we join with many countries around the world in two minutes' silence to remember all who have been killed, wounded or affected by war.

In 1914, Edwin Grey, Britain's Foreign Secretary said on the eve of Britain officially entering the First World War, ‘The lamps are going out all over Europe, and we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.’ Since then, the United Kingdom has been involved in over forty wars and conflicts.

At Remembrance services around the world the words of the Kohima Epitaph – [the epitaph carved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery of Kohima in north-east India] – are read: ‘When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.’

These moments in human history, and the experiences and memories that we each personally have, show us that the lamps do not go out; rather, it is the hope of peace and justice in the actions of our Servicemen and Women that keep the lamps lit. This is the promise of God that although we may try, we cannot extinguish what is good in humanity and God's creation. In the first chapter of St. John, we read that ‘the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it’. Wilfred Owen, a war poet from Birkenhead, in his poem ‘Anthem for Doomed Youth’, refers to darkness this way: ‘And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds’. Window blinds hide the dark; raised they allow sunlight to flood in. Here is Easter truth. The Light overcomes the darkness – the risen Christ brings hope to counter darkness, loss and despair.

As we remember the lights going out all over Europe at the start of the First World War and the sacrifice of all those affected in the conflicts since, may we be inspired in the knowledge and faith that they will always be relit by those prepared to give themselves for others.

We thank God for those who showed quick thought, courage and self-sacrifice. We pray for the strength to work for justice with mercy in all things. We ask that we may stand tall and be fruitful people in the challenges that we face. We ask these things in the name of him whose courage never failed, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Yours in Christ, Derek the Cleric.

## Wordsearch: signs of the end of the age

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BUILDINGS	FAMINE
DECEIVE	STONE
MOUNT	BIRTHPAIN
SIGN	EARTHQUAKE
OLIVES	RUMOURS
ALARMED	WARS
MAGNIFICENT	TEMPLE
NATION	

*Thanks to Carol for this week's puzzle, which is based on Mark 13:1-8.*

### Shoebboxes Deadline

Wednesday, **17 November**  
Collection point:  
Dersingham Co-op

**Incredible!** We are now in a position to announce how much the sponsored church tower abseil raised to help fund the new disabled toilets and kitchen facilities in St Nicholas Church. It is an incredible £12,500!! This amazing result comes about from lots of hard work behind the scenes: volunteers making it happen, the core organising team, the abseil team, the abseilers, sponsors, and supporters from the community and afar. The financial result is incredible (still a little more to come in) and will make a huge difference in bringing our plans for the church to fruition. Thank you for your part in making it a success. In the coming months I hope to give an update on the plans and progress; there is a lot of work to do. Please do pray for this. On the Abseil day, for me, what was lovely to witness was so many people from the local community being there – a super atmosphere all day, even in the inclement weather. It is great when a community comes together – wonderful things happen. Thank you again from me and the abseil organising team. –Rev Mark

### Remembrance Prayer

Ever-living God,  
we remember those  
whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war  
into the peace of  
your presence;  
may that same peace  
calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony  
among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



### Prayers for persecuted Christians around the world: Malaysia

Population 32.9 million  
3 million Christians (9.1%)

Please pray: that believers who meet in secret will find meaningful fellowship and worship. For religious freedom across Malaysia, so believers can share the good news openly. And for Malaysian Christians from a Muslim background to know God's love deeply, despite opposition from their communities.

[Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Malaysia - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

#### A prayer from Open Doors

Dear Father, we ask that You'd break down the strongholds that seek to contain the good news of Jesus in Malaysia. Please provide a way for more people to hear the gospel, receive it and find true hope in the Lord. Strengthen the church in this season, Lord, and prepare her for the work You have laid out for her to do. We pray that You would grow Your Kingdom in Malaysia in a powerful way and show many Malay Muslims who Christ is. Amen.

#### DERSINGHAM GUIDE UNITS

The Rainbows, 1st & 2nd Brownies  
& Guides invite you to a

#### COFFEE MORNING

on **SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER**  
at **SCOUT & GUIDE HQ**

Manor Road, 10am-12noon  
Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola,  
Stalls, Games

Lots of fun for everyone  
Proceeds divided between 4 Units

### Prayer points

- + those who have died and those who are grieving
- + those lost to violence
- + the humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Madagascar and Belarus
- + for food and aid to reach those who are facing famine
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances
- + our nation and community
- + wisdom in decision-making
- + help for COP26 leaders to act wisely and immediately
- + all affected by coronavirus
- + GPs, NHS staff, carers and key workers
- + care home residents
- + anyone who is poorly
- + all who have lost livelihoods or fallen on hard times
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are treated unjustly
- + our families; our elderly
- + our schools, teachers, staff and students; our children, young people, parents and caregivers
- + our Armed Forces
- + our Ministry Team and volunteers
- + all who come to church, in person, online or who visit us via social media
- + Baby Basics and the families they serve
- + thanks for God's love, peace, goodness and provision