

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY
9am, Collective Worship, Ingrave Johnstone
11am, Advent Eucharist, Becket Keys
4pm, Governors Meeting, IJS
8pm, St Nicholas' PCC, Zoom,

WEDNESDAY
10am, Holy Communion, St Nicholas'
1pm, Staff Eucharist, Becket Keys

THURSDAY
11am Holy Communion, St Stephen's

FRIDAY
10am, Toddler Group, St Stephen's

SATURDAY
2-4:30pm, Christmas Bazaar, St Stephen's
4:30pm, Christmas Tree Switch on. Herongate

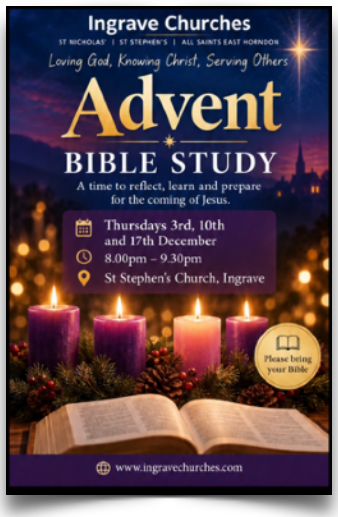
Special Notices

Serving Together We need help in important areas of church life. Please see the "Ways to Serve" document on this week's email

Would you like to be Confirmed by Bishop Adam? Next Confirmation service is 3pm, Jan 24th. Speak to Paul for more details

Your regular gift helps us worship, serve, and keep the doors open. Give at the plate, scan the QR code,

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS













TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 64.1-9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and
come down, so that the mountains would quake at
your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil— to make your
name known to your adversaries, so that the
nations might tremble at your presence!

3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at
your presence. 4 From ages past no one has
heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any
God besides you, who works for those who wait
for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways. But you
were angry, and we sinned; because you hid
yourself we transgressed.

6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and
all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all
fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on
your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you
have hidden your face from us, and have delivered
us into the hand of our iniquity.

8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay,
and you are our potter; we are all the work of your
hand.9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and
do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider,
we are all your people.



Mark 13.24-end

24 ‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light,25 and the stars will be falling
from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be
shaken. 26Then they will see “the Son of Man
coming in clouds” with great power and glory.
27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his
elect from the four winds, from the ends of the
earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

28 ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its
branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you
see these things taking place, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things
have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass
away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

32 ‘But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only
the Father. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not
know when the time will come. 34It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts
his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know
when the master of the house will come, in the
evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to
all: Keep awake.’

TODAY’S PRAYERS

THE COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER : Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread,