

THIS WEEK 16th - 22nd November

TUESDAY
9am, Collective Worship, Ingrave Johnstone
8pm, Alpha, St Stephen's
WEDNESDAY
10am, Holy Communion, St Nicholas'.
THURSDAY
11am Holy Communion, St Stephen's
FRIDAY
10am, Toddler Group, St Stephen's
SATURDAY
12Noon - Lighting Up Brentwood. High St.

COMING UP

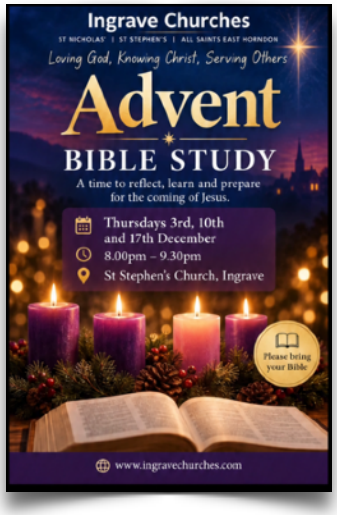
25th NOV
2:15pm, School Eucharist, 7pm, Parish Council, St Nicholas' Hall, 8pm, PCC, St Stephen's
27th NOV
12-2pm, Chance to Chat, St Stephen's
28th NOV
2-4:30pm, Christmas Bazaar, St Stephen's,
4:30pm, Christmas Tree Switch on, Cricket Green
1st DEC
PCC, 8pm, St Nicholas' (on Zoom)

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CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS













TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Thessalonians 5.1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. 3When they say, 'There is peace
and security', then sudden destruction will come
upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you,
beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the night
or of darkness. 6So then, let us not fall asleep as
others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for
those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are
drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to
the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate
of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him. 11Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.



Matthew 25.14-30: The Parable of the Talents

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. 16The one who had received
the five talents went off at once and traded with
them, and made five more talents. 17In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20Then the one who had received the
five talents came forward, bringing five more
talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21His
master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a
few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master." 22And the one
with the two talents also came forward, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I
have made two more talents." 23His master said to
him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you
in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master." 24Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew
that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did
not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter
seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your
talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."
26But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not
sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you
ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and on my return I would have received what was
my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to
all those who have, more will be given, and they will
have an abundance; but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth."

TODAY'S PRAYERS

THE 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER : Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.