



**Welcome** – Philip Sudell

**Come on, come in, everybody**

There is a God who is worthy  
Of all our praise – he alone is Lord  
Come on and join with creation  
Let everything shout to praise him  
Glory to Christ – he's the one who made us

*Lift up your voices to heaven's king*

*Bow down before his throne*

*Our perfect Saviour died for our sin*

*Hallelujah!*

*Praise to Jesus Christ the king*

Come on, come in, all you weary  
Come on and find rest with Jesus  
He is the one who can heal your soul  
Come on and join with the angels  
Praising the Lamb who was faithful  
Giving his life – he's the one who saved us  
*Lift up your voices to heaven's king...*

Come on, you saints, keep believing  
Gather to hear the Lord speaking  
Humble your hearts, tremble at his voice  
Come in with joy for the future  
He will renew heaven and earth  
Jesus is Lord – he's the one who'll raise us  
*Lift up your voices to heaven's king...*

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## Church Family News

### Advent Wreath



**Reading: John 12:37-50** p1027

<sup>37</sup> Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. <sup>38</sup> This was to fulfil the word of Isaiah the prophet:

'Lord, who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord  
been revealed?'

<sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

<sup>40</sup> 'He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their hearts,  
so they can neither see with their eyes,  
nor understand with their hearts,  
nor turn – and I would heal them.'

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

<sup>42</sup> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out, 'Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. <sup>45</sup> The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.'

<sup>47</sup> 'If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. <sup>50</sup> I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.'

## Explaining the Christingle



### Hold the power of the universe in your hand

Hold the words that shaped  
the sky and sea and land  
The King has given words to us,  
to tell us what he's like  
Open up your ears and let his Spirit strike

*It's a light and a hammer  
It's a fire and a sword  
It's the voice of our Father  
The word of the Lord  
The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul  
And God will use it to make us whole*

Hear the news of the promised king  
who came to save  
Hear the news of Jesus  
who rose from the grave  
Our King has come to live on earth  
and rescue us from sin  
Open up your mind and let his Spirit in  
*It's a light and a hammer...*

Know the name of Jesus Christ  
that makes us new  
Know the Son of God,  
the Word whose word is true  
Our King has spoken to us,  
so there is no place for pride  
He gives hearts of flesh  
and changes us inside  
*It's a light and a hammer...*

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## Confession

Father God, Thank you that Jesus came into the world to be its light. He came to banish darkness and to bring life and a future. We are sorry for the times when we ignore or refuse his light. In many ways we show that we still love the darkness. We live for ourselves, and don't act out of love for you or our neighbour. Thank you that Jesus died so that we can be forgiven. Thank you that he suffered ultimate darkness in our place to bring us into your light. Please would your Holy Spirit help us to love Jesus and to walk in his light. Amen.

## Prayers

### 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.

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

## Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness  
opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

*Here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days

oh so highly exalted

glorious in Heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

all for love's sake became poor

*Here I am to worship...*

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

*Here I am to worship...*

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## Children leave to make Christingles

**Talk:** Philip Sudell

*I have come into the world as a light*

Talk notes

## Children return with Christingles



**Lord the light of Your love is shining**

In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

*Shine Jesus shine*

*Fill this land with the Father's glory*

*Blaze Spirit blaze*

*Set our hearts on fire*

*Flow river flow*

*Flood the nations with grace and mercy*

*Send forth Your word*

*Lord and let there be light*

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me  
*Shine Jesus shine...*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me  
*Shine Jesus shine...*

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## Final Prayer

Please stay around to chat after  
the service over coffee/tea  
through in the hall



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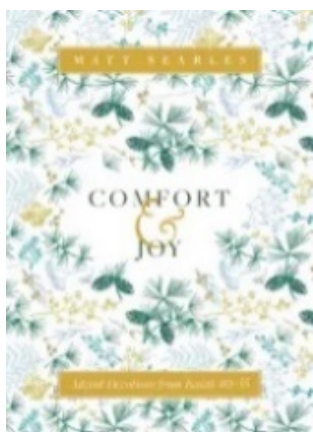
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# The week ahead

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion All Age Christingle
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 for 8-9pm	PRAY16 at the Vicarage
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-11am	Final Chat & Play for the year for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am  12 noon 12-3pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall  Holy Communion Christmas Community Café @ St Peter's Hall
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	5pm	Carol singing around the parish
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am 11am  6pm	Holy Communion Family Carols  Carols by Candlelight

# Looking ahead

- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Community Café Christmas meal
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Street Carol Singing 5pm
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Carols by Candlelight 6pm
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Eve Communion 11pm
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day Service 10.30am
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Co-Mission Sunday
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Co-Mission Women's Day
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Confirmation Service 11am
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Co-Mission Men's Morning



## Advent Reflections

During Advent season, a number of us are using these reflections – *Comfort and Joy* by Matt Searles - you can get a copy here: [10ofthose.com](http://10ofthose.com)

**Christmas Publicity** could you take and deliver to a road? Pick up a pack on Sunday



This Monday at the Vicarage from 8-9pm – Last one ever! From January we will be praying monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month – Put Tuesday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> in your new diary!

**Carols by Candlelight** is next Sunday! Who will you be inviting?

## Christian Giving

If you would like to financially support the ministry here at St Peter's then you can set up a pattern of regular giving using the info here: [www.stpetersch.org.uk/giving](http://www.stpetersch.org.uk/giving) Or make a donation using this QR code

