**The church is open** for quiet thought or prayer from 8am – 5.30pm Monday – Friday, 11am – 4pm on Saturdays. Monday – Friday there will be daily mass at 12.15pm. On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.

## Diary

The Churchwardens

Sunday	10 Dec	12noon	Drinks in the Rectory after Service.
Sunday	24 Dec	11am	Carols & Communion Service.
Sunday	24 Dec	11.45pm	Midnight Eucharist.

St Vedast's Hall is available for hire for events, meetings, etc. Please contact the administrator for more information.

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**Second Sunday of Advent** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 **Sung Eucharist** 

**Celebrant**: Revd Jonathan Herapath

**Preacher:** Revd Paul Kennedy

Setting: Missa Brevis - Wills

**Hymn:** 1 - Creator of the stars of night

## Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-end

R Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins. *R* 

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R** 

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. **R** 

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. **R** 

Gradual chorale

A great and mighty wonder
A full and holy cure.
The virgin bears the Infant
With virgin-honour pure.
Repeat the hymn again!
"To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Intercessions

We pray for those who are sick especially those named in our Prayer Intention book: Andrew King, Miles Gaythwaite, Margaret Spencer, James Davie

We pray for those who have died recently.

We pray for those whose anniversary falls during this time.

Offertory Hymn: 12 - On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Anthem: Rejoice Greatly - Handel

**Communion** All baptised communicant Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this service. Alternatively, please come forward for a Blessing. If you have difficulty kneeling, it is perfectly acceptable for you to remain standing to receive Holy Communion.

**Thanksgiving Hymn:** 6 - Hark the glad sound!

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a