

Saturday 12th December

The Rev'd Margaret Fletcher

Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

*Come Lord Jesus Come
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In this world of ours*

'Be alert...watch and pray'

Advent is a time of preparation, when we celebrate the first Christmas, but also prepare our hearts to meet our King and judge at his second coming.

The Bible paints warns us to be on our guard, to watch and pray as we wait. Will Jesus approve of the way we are living?

Many people face a bleak future this year, with loss of jobs and homes; some are facing a lonely Christmas without the company of loved ones. War and disasters haunt many.

It was for people like these that God sent the 'righteous branch' as he promised the prophet Jeremiah in days of old.

Jesus came, and is with us now, in good times and in bad. He shares our happiness and joy and stands alongside us in our suffering. We see him in the guise of the poor, the refugee, the sad and homeless. He calls on us to share his work of healing the sick, providing food for the hungry and seeking justice for those living under oppression.

As we watch and wait, what can we do to share Jesus' love with the world this Christmas?



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Lord, we need you now
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Fill us with your peace
Fill us with your peace
Fill us with your peace
In this world of ours

Touch us with your love
Touch us with your love
Touch us with your love
In this world of ours

May we see your light
May we see your light
May we see your light
In this world of ours.

Fransesca Leftley (b1955)

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

During this waiting time,

help us to find practical ways to share your love with those in need.

Be with us in our preparations,

so that we will be ready to celebrate your coming with joy and gladness.

Amen

We pray for those who suffer for their faith that they may know God's strength through the encouragement of the gospel.



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