

COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Lord Jesus, you came but we long for your coming again:

Come, Lord Jesus

Jesus, you are here but open the eyes of our hearts to see you more:

Come, Lord Jesus

Jesus, the time is now. We, your people, are ready:

Come, Lord Jesus

Hymn 273: O come, O come, Emmanuel – we sing verses 1, 4 & 5

Opening prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: In ages past the mighty Lord (Song of the prophets) (GWA 29)

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 696)

Song: He came down that we might have hope x 3
 hallelujah for evermore
 He came down that we might have peace x 3
 hallelujah for evermore

Light second Advent Candle

Hymn 334: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry – we sing verses 1, 2 & 5

John the Baptist

Hymn 291: When out of poverty is born

Reflection

Hymn 290: The race that long in darkness pined – we make our offering as we sing

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 715: Behold the mountain of the Lord – we sing verses 1, 3, 5 & 6

Blessing – we say together:

**Father, remind us to seek you this Advent season,
to put you at the centre of our families, conversations, and lives.**

Lord Jesus, join us together in unity – may we grow closer to you.

Holy Spirit, fill us with hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season.

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and for ever more. Amen**

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service – please do join us.

The week ahead

Sunday 14 December, 10.30 a.m. – Sunday service for the Third Sunday in Advent, preceded by Sunday Sing Christmas Special at 9.30 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Tuesday 9 December, 7.15 p.m. – the last session of the Bible Course in the Church Hall. It's not too late to join us or to bring a friend!

Wednesday 10 December, 7.00 p.m. – the Guild Christmas Party in the Church Hall.

Saturday 13 December, Men's Prayer Breakfast 8.00 – 9.00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Coming Sunday Services in Coldstream at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 21 December	Service of lessons and carols
Sunday 28 December	Sunday service
Sunday 4 January 2026	Sunday service for Epiphany conducted by Rev Robin McHaffie
Sunday 11 January 2026	Sunday service

Christmas events

There are spare invitation cards for our Christmas activities – please take some to share with friends and neighbours.

Wednesday 17 December 7.00 p.m. in the Church – Christmas concert by the Andante Chamber Choir – entry by donation for church funds

Friday 19 December 7.00 p.m. in Market Square – Carols in the Square.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December, Christingle service in Church at 4.00 p.m.

Also on Christmas Eve, carol service at Leitholm Kirk at 6.00 p.m.

There is no Christmas Day service in our church, but you are warmly invited to short family services in Swinton Kirk at 10.00 a.m. and at St Mary's Church in Coldstream at 11.15 a.m.

The Guild: second Wednesday evening each month at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall, next meeting Christmas party on 10 December.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Alternate Saturdays 13 and 27 December and 10 and 24 January 8.00-9.00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Sunday Sing meets before the service at 9.30 a.m. in the hall on alternate Sundays, next meetings on 14 December and 11 January.

Ladies@10: alternate Wednesday mornings, next meetings 10 December and 7 January.

Services at Lennel House: 3.00 p.m. last Wednesday of the month – this month carol singing with the residents on **17 December**.

Taize services of stillness and reflection: on the fourth Sunday of the month at St Mary's at 5.00 p.m., next service 25 January 2026.

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