



Advent Mass

St Michael and St John's
Clitheroe

Thursday 4th December 2025



Entrance Hymn – Light the Advent Candle

Light the Advent candle **one**
Now the waiting has begun
We have started on our way
Time to think of Christmas day.

Chorus:
Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 26:1-6

On that day they will sing this song in the land of Judah:

“A strong city have we;
he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us.
Open up the gates
to let in a nation that is just,
one that keeps faith.
A nation of firm purpose you keep in peace;
in peace, for its trust in you.”
Trust in the LORD forever!
For the LORD is an eternal Rock.
He humbles those in high places,
and the lofty city he brings down;
He tumbles it to the ground,
levels it with the dust.
It is trampled underfoot by the needy,
by the footsteps of the poor.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Bidding Prayers

The response is: **Hear our prayer**

Dear Lord,
Support our church and community as they help us to grow in faith together during Advent. May the first candle of hope guide us through this stage of waiting and preparing for Christ to come.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the people who look forward to the celebration of Christmas, that Christ's words and values may find a place in their hearts.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for courage. The courage to bring joy to those around us, here at home and across the world, as we all wait for the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray with Mary, the Mother of Jesus as we say... **Hail Mary,
Full of Grace**

Communion Hymn – Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light.
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light.
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

**Christ, be our light.
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light.
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Final Hymn – Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

**Following the example of Jesus,
together we learn, love and respect one
another to be the best we can be.**