DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday	Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm
Tuesday	Friendship Group meet @ 10am
	COGs Group meet @ 1.30pm
	Parish Council meet @ 7pm
Wednesday	Golf Group meet @ 6am
	Rainbow Lunch Club meet @ 11.30am
	ACA Group meet @ 6pm
Thursday	Woodlake Service @ 11am

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY will begin on Thursday 26th November at 10am. We will focus on Christmas. But also bring along any theological questions you may have. Please put your name on the Notice Board if you're coming

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 6th December	Nine Lessons & Carols	@ 7pm
Sunday 13th December	Blue Christmas Service	@ 5.30pm
Thursday 24th December	Nativity Play	@ 5pm
Thursday 24th December	Midnight Mass	@ 11pm
Friday 25th December	Christmas Service	@ 9am
Sunday 27th December	Christmas 1	@ 7.30 & 9am

Please pray for: Paul; Isla; Keena; Cheryl; Charlotte; Annette; Claire; Eric; Lynn; Doug; Dave & family; Karen; lafeta; Charlie; Vince & Sue; Margo; Hazel; Eileen

This week Johnny is with Jo





Happy birthday to Peg Fitzgerald on 19th;

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ST JOHN'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH GREENWOOD

Welcome to Worship

Pentecost 25

15th November 2026

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today …

Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

Sentence: God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. *1 Thessalonians 5:9, 11*

Collect of the Day
Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's readings:
Judges 4:1-10
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Next Week:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



Pentecost 25 – Matthew 25:14-30

"You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter …?
"For to everyone who has, more will be given, and they will grow rich; but from the those who have not, even what they have will be taken away."

The "measure" of Christ's judgment in the world to come is made clear in the parable of the talents: The Lord will judge us according to how well we used the "talents" and gifts every one of us has been given. The greater the "capital" we have been given, the greater God's expectations.

Whatever degree of talent, ability and wealth we possess have been "entrusted" to us by the "Master." Jesus teaches that our place in the reign of God will depend on our stewardship of those talents God has given us: whether we "bury" them in fear or selfishness or use them readily to reveal God in our midst**.**

Each one of us is given many opportunities to "reap and gather." The challenge of the Gospel is to be ready and willing to respond to those opportunities joyfully and generously for the sakes of others, to build the kingdom of God in own time and place.

Jesus urges us not to "bury" our talents in the safe ground of self-interest and passivity but to "invest" them for the benefit of all. Christ calls us to a faith that is willing take the risk of investing what we have in the greater good, and he promises us the grace to work to enable others to realise a return on the investment of their own talents in God's kingdom in our midst.

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