

St Martin's Church, Welton

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2nd Before Advent

WELCOME!

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome The Ven. Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton, and thank him for leading our worship.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

	Today	26 November	03 December Advent Sunday	10 December
Challis	Jean Somerville	Val Hamblin	Gill Beardmore	Morning Service
Sidesperson	Keith Beardmore	Rachel Horder	tbc	Joan Roberts
Reader	Gillian Weigel	David Horder	Bob Somerville	Joan Roberts
Prayers	Gill Beardmore	Keith Beardmore	Vicar	Keith Beardmore

Revd. Sarah invites you to meet her personally from 3.30pm, before the afternoon service each Sunday.

AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm

Today	26 November	03 December	10 December	17 December
Family Communion	Sunday Teatime	Family Communion	W.I. Carol Service 3.00pm	Carol Service 4.00pm
<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>W.I. Carol Service. All welcome.</i>	<i>St Martin's Carol Service. All welcome.</i>

First Reading

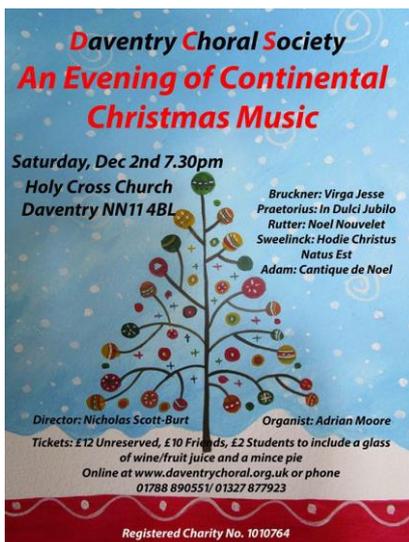
1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



DEANERY SYNOD

Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm
Kislingbury Village Hall

Welton Academy

Christmas Fayre at 5.00pm on
Friday 24th November

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Please let me know if you would like your name adding to the email list to receive these weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.