

# Third Sunday of Advent

Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

## 'What then should we do?'

In our Gospel reading today we are reminded again of the message of John the Baptist, but this time we hear of his call to repentance, in a message that can sound harsh and uncompromising. John says that one mightier than he is coming, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire, and will he will have in his hand a winnowing fork:



Winnowing forks are still used in some parts of the world, after grain is harvested the winnowing fork is used to toss the grain into the air, the wind then blows away the chaff - the part of the grain that is useless, the heavier wheat (the good part) falls to the ground and can be collected. John answers the people's question 'what then shall we do?' By calling God's people to repent of their sins, to turn back to God and be ready for the coming of Jesus. Are we ready??



### Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

### Craft Club is back...

Craft Club is meeting again in the church meeting room, 10.30am every Thursday. Please come along for fun, fellowship and crafts

### Nine readers needed!

For the Carol Service on Dec 19th at 4pm. I've printed out the readings, they're at the back of church along with a form to fill in. Please take a reading, fill in the form, and remember to bring the reading back for the carol service. Many thanks in advance! Revd Adam

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### CAROL SERVICE

Date for the diary: Carol Service in church on Dec 19th at 4.00pm. Readers needed - see box on right

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### CHURCH COMPUTER USERS

Last chance to rescue any files or folders you may have on the church computer. Please speak to Revd Adam

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### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 19th: 10am Eucharist  
Dec 19th: 4pm Carol Service  
Dec 25th: 10am Christmas Day  
Dec 26th: 10am Service of the Word