

# READINGS

## St James', Southbroom

Sunday 27 November 2016

### Daily Readings

<u>Monday 28th</u> Isaiah 42:18-end	Psalm 50 Revelation 19
<u>Tuesday 29th</u> Isaiah 43:1-13	Psalm 80 Revelation 20
<u>Wednesday 30th</u> Zechariah 8:20-end	Psalm 87 John 1:35-42
<u>Thursday 1st</u> Isaiah 44:1-8	Psalm 42 Revelation 29:9-21
<u>Friday 2nd</u> Isaiah 44:9-23	Psalm 25 Revelation 21:22-22:5
<u>Saturday 3rd</u> Isaiah 44:24-45:13	Psalm 9 Revelation 22:6-end
<u>Sunday 4th</u> 1 Kings 18:17-39	Psalm 11 John 1:19-28

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### Collect – First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 2:1-5

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah  
and Jerusalem:  
2 In the last days  
the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established  
as the highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.  
3 Many peoples will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.  
He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths."  
The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
4 He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into ploughshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.  
5 Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the  
angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it  
was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the  
Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people  
were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in  
marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they  
knew nothing about what would happen until the flood  
came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the  
coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field;  
one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be  
grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other  
left.  
<sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on  
what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the  
owner of the house had known at what time of night the  
thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not  
have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be  
ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when  
you do not expect him.