

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

Living in the Gap

In Luke's Gospel we hear the story, familiar to many of us, of Mary visiting her aunt Elizabeth, both of them pregnant in miraculous circumstances. It's the first meeting of John the Baptist and Jesus, even when they are both still in the womb. Elizabeth's baby leaps in her womb, and Elizabeth begins to prophesy in a loud voice, and twice in her

prophesy uses the word 'Lord' to describe the baby in Mary's womb.



Elizabeth is 'living in the gap' between carrying her child and giving birth to her son John; she's also living in the gap between the Old Covenant (Testament) and the New Covenant. Every Old Testament prophet proclaimed the coming birth of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of Man who would redeem Israel and draw all humanity back into a right

relationship with God. Advent is a time of 'living in the gap', waiting for the coming of our Lord in human form as well as looking forward to his Second Coming in glory.

Are you living in a gap at the moment? Why not ask the Holy Spirit to fill you as he did Elizabeth, and hear his truth for you at this Advent time.



Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

Flower donations

If you feel able and willing, please could you make a contribution to the church flowers (dish in the back of church). Many thanks in advance. Also, huge thanks to Helen for her beautiful flower arrangements! Revd Adam

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CAROL SERVICE

Today at 4.00pm in Nine Lessons and Carols format

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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 Holy Eucharist

Dec 19th: 4pm Carol Service

Dec 25th: 10am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist