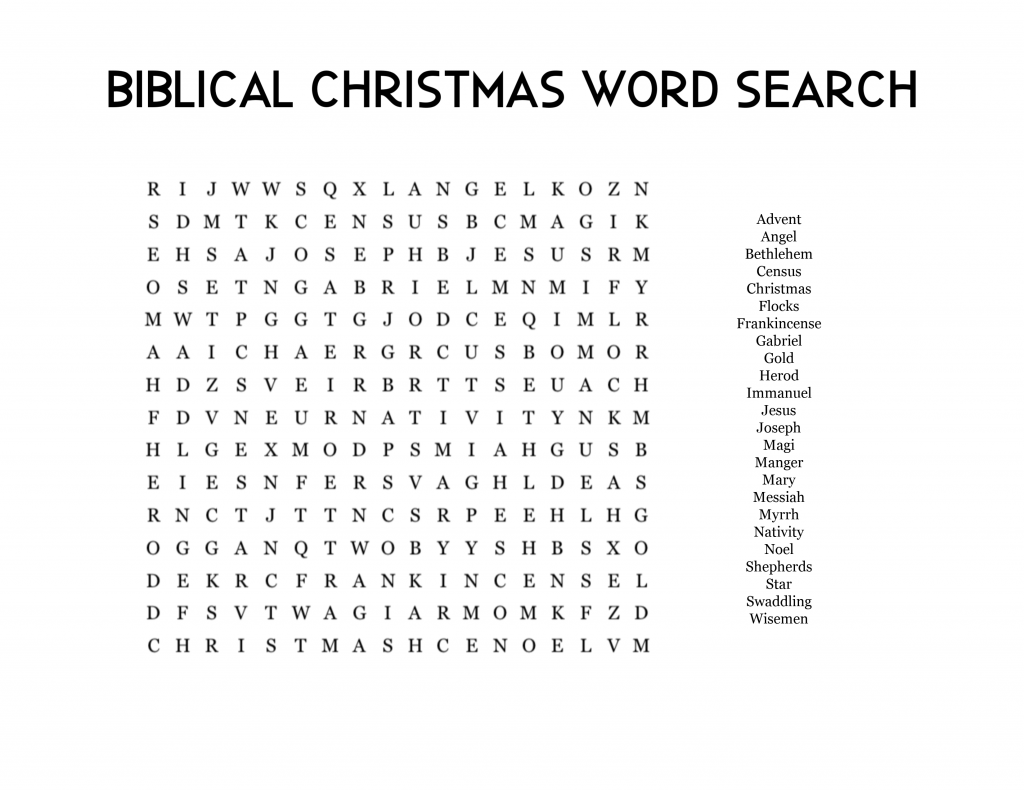
In Western Christianity, the third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. ***Gaudete*** is Latin for “Rejoice”. An anthem that is sometimes sung in churches is based on: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God.." [Philippians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epistle_to_the_Philippians) 4:4–6

**2023 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES –** available today in the church lounge. If anyone would like to give regularly to the work of God at St Thomas, please have a chat to Vicky (Bentley).

at 12.30pm.

**Psalms for each day of the *week 12th – 17th December:***

*Mon: Psalm 40 Tues: Psalm 70 Wed: Psalm 75*

*Thurs: Psalm 76 Fri: Psalm 98 Sat: Psalm 71*

*The services for the coming weeks are given below*

*Key: DOB: Revd Dave O’Brien; DW: Revd David Wilkinson*

**Midweek (Wed.) Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service:**

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| **14th Dec.** | Matthew 11: 2 – 11 Lead/Preach/Celebrant: DOB |

Christmas break – this service will then recommence 4th January 2023

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| ***SUNDAY*** | ***10.30am*** | ***Evening*** |
| ***11th Dec.***  ***ADVENT 3*** | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadTheme:*  *Matthew 11:*  *2 – 11*  *Preach: DW*  *Lead: DOB* | **SPECIAL GATHERING 5pm**  ***DEVONSHIRE ACADEMY CHOIR and***  ***LIGHTING OUR CHRISTMAS TREE*** |
| ***18th Dec***  ***ADVENT 4*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme:*  *Matthew 1:*  *18 –25*  *Preach:*  *Archdeacon Mark Ireland*  *Lead: DOB* | *6pm Service of the Word*  **7 Lessons and Carols**  Gospel Presentation  Theme: John 1: 1 – 14  The Word made flesh  Preach:  Archdeacon Mark Ireland  Lead: DOB |
| ***SATURDAY***  ***24th Dec***  ***CHRISTMAS***  ***EVE*** | **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION***✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art*  Theme: Luke 2: 1 – 14  Lead/Preach: DOB | |
| ***SUNDAY***  ***25th Dec***  ***CHRISTMAS DAY*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art***10.30AM Service of Holy Communion**  Theme: John 1: 1 – 14  Lead/Preach: DOB | |
| ***1st Jan 2023***  ***CHRISTMAS 2*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art***10.30AM Service of Holy Communion**  Theme: Luke 2: 15 - 21  Lead/Preach: DOB | |