

### **We pray for the church around the world:**

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

**We pray for our world:** All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion

**We pray for our local community:** [7: College Way, Park St][8: Park Rd, Avenue Rd] [9: Park Lane, Parkgate] [10: South Essex College, Uni of Essex] [11: Aarandale Lodge Care Home, The Hang Out Venue] [12: Market Pl, Royal Terrace] [13: Clifton Mews, Clifftown Parade] [14: Forum, Southend Central Station]

### **We pray for all on our long-term list.**

**Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them. For all sick or in need:** Margaret, Mark, Terry, Ken, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Rosetta, Jean Wren, Diana, Sarah, Laura, Gabby, Ann and Terry, Gary, June and Sally Binks.

### **Recently departed: June Potter, Maff**

And all who have died with no-one to pray for them.

### **In Memoriam: December**

**Ronald Walter Rouse 5/12, Helen Sandover 12/12; Alan Conner 2/12; Patricia Swinford 24/12, Flora Sleebush 27/12, Ginny Savoury 27/12.**

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#### **Notices:**

Monday 8 : Morning Prayer at 9am, Low Mass at 1pm,

Next Music event is 13 December : Pete Davies & support

Check the bookmark for all Advent and Christmas events and services!

### **NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book**

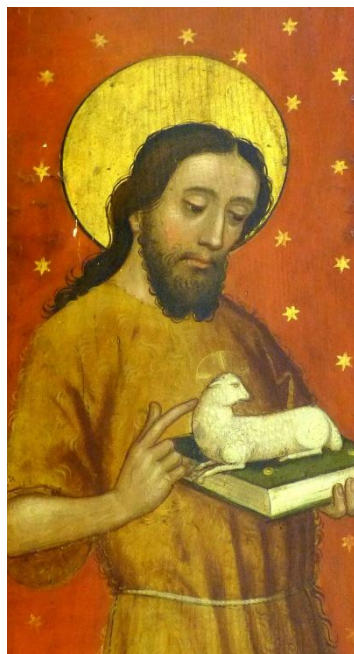
Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. Please help us to work towards our aims.



## **Parish of St Alban Martyr, Westcliff & St Mark the Evangelist Southend**

7 December 2025

2 Sunday Advent



**John the Baptist, From the altarpiece of St Catherine, Schwabach Church, att. Valentin Wolgemut [1465]**

John the Baptist holds a unique place in salvation history as the last and greatest of the Old Testament prophets and the herald of

Jesus Christ. Born to Zechariah and Elizabeth, a relative of the Blessed Virgin Mary, his birth was foretold by the Archangel Gabriel. John lived a life of prayer and penance in the desert, clothed in camel's hair and sustained by locusts and wild honey. Preaching a baptism of repentance in the wilderness near the Jordan River, he prepared the way for the Lord. In this 15<sup>th</sup> century depiction of the saint, we see how he points towards the Lamb. This is what we are all also called to do with our words and in our lives. **Blessings, Mother Cherry**

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