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## WEEKLY LETTER - 27 NOVEMBER 2022

### FIRST SUNDAY OF



Mark 13.33-37

#### **A time to reboot our spirits.**

If you can, imagine this scene: you have enjoyed a scrumptious and mouth watering Sunday lunch with a group of friends in your house, the coffee has been served and the large box of Waitrose chocolates is being passed around – a gift from one of your friends. You have eaten more than you usually do, but these chocolates leave nothing more to be desired! The log fire is roaring away, and slowly the conversation becomes less animated, as you are all feeling rather, well, ‘Sunday afternoonish’. Some of your friends are struggling to keep their eyes opened, and it won’t long before they have forty winks.

You hear the sound of the telephone which causes you to rouse out of your sluggish state. To your utter surprise, followed by alarming thoughts, you hear a very dear friend say, “I thought you were coming round at 12.00 to celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we are all waiting for you?” (something very similar has happened to Carol and I).

Of course you can cook up an excuse (i.e. lie), but you know that you have not planned or prepared yourself for this important encounter.

I’m sure this slightly fictional minor disaster is clear, for we all know we will depart this present life. Advent arrives again to encourage you to make sure you are holding on to what your heart knows is good and true.

***Stephen***

**Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom, at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Stephen Baker  
Bible Readings: Mark 12.33-end**

**Cycle of Prayer in the Swansea Region – we will pray for Temple, Gowerton**

**Tea and Chat – 2 pm - Tuesday – 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Christ Well.**