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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

21 December 2014

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

SERVICES TODAY

10.15	Sung Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
16:00	Lessons and Carols	

Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

23 Tues	14.00	'Be Still' Meditation Group meets in Church
24 Wed	Christmas Eve	
	16.00	Crib Service with Carols
	23.30	Midnight Mass
25 Thurs	Christmas Day	
	10.00	Family Communion with blessing of toys
26 Fri	St Stephen	
	10.00	Eucharist with community carols: why not join us for some cheer, before joining in a Boxing Day stroll to Houghton and back (followed by mince pies and mulled wine)
27 Sat	St John	
	10.00	Said Eucharist

**NEXT SUNDAY 28 December
is The First Sunday of Christmas**

10.15	Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
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Welcome to All Saints today

If you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.

Large Print Copies are available, as are Gluten Free Wafers. Please speak to a steward.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST IVES and the preparations for Christmas, especially this week we pray for **The Methodist Church** and their Minister, Rev Matt Finch.

Victims of Violence

Those who will be spending their first Christmas alone

Those in Prison and their Families

THE SICK: David Yeandle, Jean Read, Mick Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Leonard Evans, Michael Dunlop, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Janice Fernandez, Bryan Cooksey, Simon Allard, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel, Christopher, Fr Jeff Vaughan; all who care for those in need.

THE DEPARTED: Iris Sewell, Alan Scott

YEAR'S MIND: Sylvia Priest(20th), Jean Holgate(24th), Mervyn Hope (25th),

*May the peace of the Christ Child
Be with you all
This Christmas*

Organ Voluntary

Noël *Or nous dites Marie* Alexandre Guilmant (1837—1911)

NOTICES

Feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day)

There will be a 10.30 Service with Carols followed by a walk to Houghton Mill and back and ending with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Merchant House. If you are interested please speak to Fr Mark after this service.

Parish Office

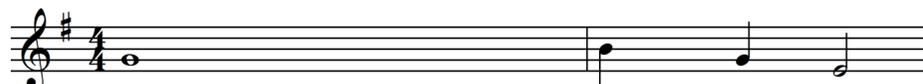
The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 22 December until Monday 5 January.

Save the Date!

Choral Concert - Saturday 10 January, 19.30

On Saturday 10 January, Lydian Voices will perform a choral concert in church. Entrance will be free of charge, with all donations going towards the work of the church. The concert is entitled *O Nata Lux – Reflections for the End of the Christmas Season* and will include works by Tallis, Kodály and Stanford, as well as a selection of favourite hymns and carols. Light refreshments will be available at the interval.

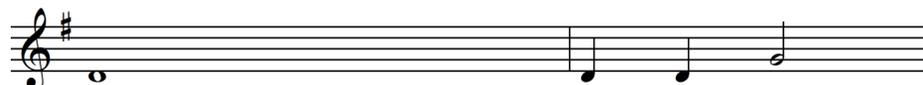
The concert promises to be the perfect way to end the Christmas season, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!



Priest: The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
Priest: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
Priest: And the Word was made flesh;



All: and she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.
All: be it unto me ac - - - cor - ding to thy word.
All: and dwelt a - mong us.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;



blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je-sus.



Holy Mary, Mother of God,



pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross † and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
 Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness
 and the shadow of death.

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *The Gathering*

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung to sing **The Processional Hymn**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 Like the wideness of the sea;
 There's a kindness in his justice
 Which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 Are more felt than up in heaven:
 There is no place where earth's failings
 Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
 Than the measure of man's mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal
 Is most wonderfully kind.
 But we make his love too narrow
 By false limits of our own;
 And we magnify his strictness
 With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
 In the blood that has been shed;
 There is joy for all the members
 In the sorrows of the head.
 There is grace enough for thousands
 Of new worlds as great as this:
 There is room for fresh creations
 In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
 We should take him at his word;
 And our lives would be all gladness,
 In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814—1863)

Tune *Corvedale*: Maurice Bevan (1921—2006)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

¶ *Please stand for* **The Prayers of Penitence
at the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your light has shone in our darkened world

through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;

grant that we who have seen your glory

may daily be renewed in your image

and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,

who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God for ever

The fourth candle is lit

Heavenly Father, who exalted the humble and meek:

give us humble and contrite hearts.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,

All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus,

who grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:

be planted also in our hearts and lives.



Cantor: Christ___ have mer - cy,

All: Christ___ have mer - cy.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Final Hymn**

For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her Child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word
She should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
And so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
Which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine
Her heart to piercing pain;
And knew the cost of love divine
When Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace
In birth and death confessed.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896—1971)
and the editors of the New English Hymnal
Tune *St Botolph*: Gordon Slater (1896—1979)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Angelus and Dismissal**

See next page

¶ Remain standing for The Dismissal Gospel

read by a younger member of the congregation standing by the Advent Wreath

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Notices

¶ Remain standing for The Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Holy Spirit, who overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.



Cantor: Lord___ have mer - cy,
All: Lord___ have mer - cy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ Remain standing for The Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please sit for The First Reading (2 Samuel 7: 1—11, 16)

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ Please stand to sing **The Canticle, The Magnificat**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
Tune *Woodlands*: Walter Greatorex (1877—1949)

¶ Please sit for **The Second Reading** (Romans 16: 25—27)

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ Please stand for **The Gospel Acclamation**



Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le-lu-ia,___ Al-le - lu - ia.
All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le-lu-ia,___ Al-le - lu - ia.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
Born as one with us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
Live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Words and tune *Living Lord*: Patrick Appleford (b.1925)

¶ Please stand for **The Prayer after Communion**

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ **The Dismissal**

¶ Remain standing for **The Acclamation**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

¶ *Remain seated or kneeling to sing* **The Communion Hymns**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady!' Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be;
All generations laud and honour thee.
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured lady!' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady! Gloria!

Of her, Emmauel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
'Most highly favoured lady!' Gloria!

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1843—1924)

Tune: Traditional Basque Carol, arranged by Edgar Pettman (1866—1943)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Cantor: I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Gospel Reading** (Luke 1: 26—38)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Please sit for* **The Sermon**

The Revd Mark Amey

¶ *Please stand for* **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

¶ Please sit or kneel for **The Intercessory Prayers**

The priest introduces the Prayers by saying:

Let us pray to our heavenly Father,
who so loved the world that he sent his only Son,
not to condemn us, but to save us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

The intercessor leads the people in prayer and at the end of each petition says:

Let us pray to the Lord

The people respond by singing



Through our lives and by our prayers, your king-dom come.

Silence is kept after which the priest leads the concluding prayer:

Father, fill our hearts with love through the coming of your Son.
Give us the grace to overcome our fears and anxieties,
and keep joyful in your service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ Remain standing for **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ Please sit or kneel for the **Lamb of God**

while the Altar Party receive the Sacrament, the choir leads the singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please sing the response after the Cantor:

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



Cantor: Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:_____

All: Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us._____

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



Cantor: Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:_____

All: Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us._____

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



Cantor: Grant us peace,

All: Grant us peace, grant us peace._____

The Distribution of the Sacrament

After the bell is rung please come forward in turn as directed by the steward. Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive communion at this service.

Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands down and your head bowed as an indication that this is your preference.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ *Please stand for* **The Peace**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a handshake or other appropriate greeting with those immediately around you.

¶ *Remain standing to sing* **The Offertory Hymn**

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Apostles, The Martyrs, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
 When on earth her work was done,
 And the Lord of all creation
 Brought her to his heavenly home:
 Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
 Raised on high and crowned with grace,
 May your Son, the world's redeemer,
 Grant us all to see his face.

Words: George Boorne Timms (1910—1997))
 Tune *Abbot's Leigh*: Cyril Taylor (1907—1991)

¶ Remain standing for The Prayer over the Gifts

As the grain once scattered in the fields
 and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
 are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
 so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
 from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

¶ Remain standing throughout The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Cantor: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might;_ heaven and earth are
All: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might;_ heaven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in_ the high - est.
full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:
All: Hosanna (as above)

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

Christ is the bread of life

Martin Everett

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord
 Je - sus, un - til you_ come in glo - ry._____

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.