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All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

20 December 2015

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

SERVICES TODAY

10.15	Sung Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
16.00	Festival of Lessons and Carols	

Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

21 Mon	09.30	Eucharist
	19.30	Bell Ringing Practise
22 Tue	10.00	Healing Mass
23 Wed	14.30	Be Still Silent Prayer Group Meet
24 Thurs	Christmas Eve	
	16.00	Nativity from Scratch
	23.30	Midnight Mass
25 Fri	Christmas Day	
	10.00	Family Eucharist with blessing of toys
		St Stephen
26 Sat	10.00	Said Eucharist and Parish Walk

NEXT SUNDAY 27 December
The Feast of St John the Evangelist

10.15 Parish Eucharist

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 and Gluten Free wafers are available for those who need them. Please speak to a steward.

OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN ST IVES: Today we remember our Rev Matt Finch and the people of The Methodist Church. We ask for God's blessing on their lives, and pray that we may grow closer to him, so that we may grow closer to each other, for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE SICK: Ella Nairn, Mick Bacon, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Gary James, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Elaine Bunnett, Anne Spencer, Audrey, Philip, Muriel, Christopher, Paul, and Fr Jeff Vaughan

THE DEPARTED: Gerald Hazell, Pamela Norman.

YEARS MIND: Sylvia Priest(20th), Jean Holgate(24th), Mervyn Hope(25th)

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the cartoon which depicts a man opening the door to an unexpected visitor.

'Well!' he exclaims, 'if it isn't my mother-in-law all the way from Australia! Have you got time for a cup of tea?'

There are some visitors we are always glad to see; there are others over whom we breathe a sigh of relief as they leave, and reflect that, with any luck, we won't see them again for another year!

The visit of Mary to Elizabeth was clearly in the first category. Like her Son, she had come into the world to do God's will. In this, she stands in common with all of us. Our growth in stewardship is an expression of our own willingness to follow Christ, to set aside our own desires, our own comfort, our own security, and to follow the will of God.

Have a blessed Christmas and let us all pray for a peaceful New Year. That as we grow in our knowledge and love of God we may learn to value our differences and grow in appreciation and respect of those whom we meet day by day. For, whether we acknowledge it or not, we are all children of God. It is God who has given us the freedom to be individuals and this is something we should all be thankful for not matter how we are called or worship.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE	16.00	Nativity from Scratch
	23.30	MIDNIGHT MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00	Sung Communion with blessing of toys
BOXING DAY	10:00	Eucharist followed by Parish Walk

¶ *The Gathering*

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

***Out of darkness God has called us,
Claimed by Christ as God's own people
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
Walking in God's marvellous light.***

Let us take the words you give,
Strong and faithful words to live.
Words that in our hearts are sown:
Words that bind us as your own.

Out of darkness...

Let us take the Christ you give,
Broken Body Christ we live.
Christ the risen from the tomb:
Christ who calls us as your own.

Out of darkness...

Let us take the love you give,
That the way of love we live.
Love to bring your people home;
Love to make us all your own.

Out of darkness...

Words and Music: Christopher Walker (b.1947)

¶ Remain standing for **The Invocation**

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

¶ Remain standing for **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

¶ Stand for **The Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath**

Organ Voluntary

Heavenly Father,
you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.



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

Lord Jesus,
you 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.

Holy Spirit,
you 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.

Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*
(Come now, Saviour of the heathen)

Johann Pachelbel (1653—1706)

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

A note from the Treasurer

I would like to thank you all for your continued financial support during the year using the Envelope Scheme and Planned Giving direct into our Bank Account. This helps us to budget how much money we have to cover our expenses each month including Parish Share, gas, electricity and water, minor repairs and servicing costs to the church. Ideally we need £1500 each week as £1000 is required to cover the Parish Share which is £52,661 for the year.

Unfortunately as we approach the end of the year I have calculated that there will be a shortfall of £5000 in the amount needed to pay the Parish Share. I am therefore having to make an appeal for a loan or loans from several congregation members to help out. By paying the full amount we then qualify for a rebate from the Diocese which I can then use towards repayment of gracious loans.

Yours prayerfully Janet Parker

Thankyou Chris, Sally and Simon would like to Thank everyone for their prayers, kindness, cards and donations in memory of dear Joe. He would have been so proud of the service last Wednesday.

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

Mary sang a song, a song of love,
Magnified the mighty Lord above;
Melodies of praise his name extol
From the very depths of Mary's soul:

'God the Lord has done great things for me,
Looked upon my life's humility;
Happy shall they call me from this day
Merciful is he whom we obey.

'To the humble soul our God is kind,
To the proud he brings unease of mind.
Who uplifts the poor, pulls down the strong?
God alone has power to right the wrong!

'He who has been Israel's strength and stay
Fills the hungry, sends the rich away;
God has shown his promise firm and sure,
Faithful to his people evermore.'

This was Mary's song as we recall,
Mother to the Saviour of us all:
Magnify his name and sing his praise,
Worship and adore him, all your days!

Words: Michael Perry (1942 - 1996), based on the Magnificat

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¶ *Remain standing for* **The Dismissal**

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. 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** (Micah 5: 2—5a)

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**

With Mary let my soul rejoice,
And praise God's holy name
His saving love from first to last,
From age to age, the same!

How strong his arm, how great his power!
The proud he will disown;
The meek and humble he exalts
To share his glorious throne.

The rich our God will send away
And feed the hungry poor;
The arms of love remain outstretched
At mercy's open door.

So shall God's promise be fulfilled,
To Israel firmly made:
A child is born, a Son is given
Whose crown will never fade.

All glory to the Father, Son
And Spirit now proclaim;
With Mary let the world rejoice
And praise God's holy name! Amen.

Words: David Mowbray (b.1938), based on the Magnificat
Tune *Abridge*: Isaac Smith (1734—1805)

¶ Please sit for **The Second Reading** (Hebrews 10: 5—10)

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

¶ Please stand for **The Gospel Acclamation**

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le -
-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - - - ia.

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: 39—45)

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.

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 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.' (*Luke 1: 38*)
This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Remain standing for **The Blessing***

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
And the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

¶ Please sit for **The Sermon**

Please come forward when directed by a 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 receive communion at this service.

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

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, arr. Edgar Pettman (1866—1943)

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

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer saying '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,

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.**

It is customary to bow the head for the next three lines:

**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:

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

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.

At the end of the prayers the intercessor says:

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee

Blessed art thou among women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners,

now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

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

Almighty God,

as your blessed Son Jesus Christ

first came to seek and to save the lost;

so may he come again to find in us

the completion of his redeeming work;

for he is now alive

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God 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.

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy 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 receives the Sacrament, the choir leads the singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please join in singing the responses as indicated:

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._____

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.

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***

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*¶ Please stand for **The Peace***

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*¶ 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.

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 B Timms (b.1910)
 Tune *Abbot's Leigh*: Cyril Taylor (1907—1991)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayer Over the Gifts**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
 may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Lord, may the power of the Spirit,
 Which sanctified Mary the mother of your Son
 Make holy the gifts we place upon this altar.
Amen.

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (B)**

The Lord be__ with you **And al - so__ 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'.

Praise to you Lord Jesus

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life:

Lord__ Je - sus,__ come in glo - ry.