

**Welcome to today's Mass.** Worship is for everyone – children as well as adults – so do your best to join in as much as possible. The service can be followed in the Mass booklet and hymns are mostly in the dark red hymnbook (the numbers are printed below and displayed on the boards at the front of church).

**Our Sunday School** meets in the Church Hall for the first part of the service, before joining us in Church for Holy Communion. All children are welcome to attend.

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Please make sure your **phones** and other devices are on silent and put away whilst we worship.



A **hearing loop** is in operation in church; please switch your hearing aid to the T position.



If you require a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please inform a steward before the start of the service.



**Refreshments** are served in the hall after the service; do join us for a drink and chat and, if you are new, make yourself known to us.

**Large print service books** are available; please ask at the door.

## Today's Hymns

Processional: 565

Gradual: printed overleaf

Offertory: 247

Communion: 640, 680

Recessional: 270

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## Today's Readings

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-end

**R: All the earth, shout and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

Copies of the readings are available for those who would find that helpful; please ask at the door.

## Gradual Hymn

When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon,  
But as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
On him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended,  
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
To keep the vows we make,  
This very day invade us,  
And every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
The gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost.



I Baptize With Water  
But One Mightier  
Is Coming

## Notices

**Thank you to Chris Bennett** who has very kindly 'powder coated' the metal stand for the processional crucifix and the bracket for the Victorian sanctuary lamp for St John's Chapel. They both now look very smart indeed!



We would like to say happy Christmas to every household in the parish and to give them details of our Christmas services. If you are able to help by delivering postcards through every door on your street (or another street if you don't live in our parish), it would be very much appreciated. Please take some cards today and tick the street name off on the list at the back of church.

Our Christmas services are:

**Christmas Eve at 7pm**

The Monday Mass

**Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm**

Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day at 11 am**

Christmas Day Mass – bring a Christmas gift to show!



You may be aware that earlier this year new laws came into effect concerning how organisations store and use personal data. These laws also apply to churches and so we are having to put various policies and procedures in place to ensure we comply. As part of this, we need consent to store and use your contact details. Therefore, please complete a **personal details form** and hand it to Mthr Katy or one of the Wardens.



Mthr Katy is available, to:

- visit the sick in hospital or at home;
- take Holy Communion to those who are ill or housebound;
- pray with those seeking healing or preparing for an operation;
- anoint the sick;
- administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession);
- carry out house blessings;
- or just to listen.

If you would like any of these, please let her know. Mthr Katy is also happy to visit anyone who would like to get to know her better. If you would like a chat (it doesn't have to be for any particular reason), please invite her!



Last week's winner of the **Bonus Ball** was Beryl Gilmartin! Fees are now due for the next 10 week period. There are also some spare numbers. Please see Samantha or Chris after Mass for more details. Remember - you have to be in it to win it!



**Bishop David asks that,** to protect people from germs and the risk of being exposed to allergens, we all **please avoid dipping**

**communion wafers in the wine.** He says, "we are becoming increasingly aware of the severe reaction some people have to gluten. As a result, churches are now used to providing gluten-free bread in services of Holy Communion. However, what is often overlooked is that dipping wafers in the wine can introduce gluten which others then drink.

It is already advised nationally that, for reasons of hygiene, the intinction of wafers should be avoided. Should a communicant not wish to drink from the chalice, perhaps through having a heavy cold, then he or she may be assured that to receive the sacrament in one kind alone (bread or wine) is to receive the sacrament in its entirety."

## For our prayers



### The recently baptised:

Maximus Sneyd and  
Chester Taylor

### Those being baptised this month:

**The sick & housebound:** Vivian Singh, George Bickerstaff, John Cooper, David Gilmartin, Father Harry Edwards, Kirsty Littleford, Ruth Grace, Antonio Clayton, James Cowan, Eric Sherfield, Anne Whitehead and Jean Winterbottom.

### The recently departed:

Emma Guilbert, David Spence and Fr Rodney Marshall.

**Years Mind:** William Hunt (17<sup>th</sup>), Edna Drunsfield (17<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Buckley (18<sup>th</sup>), Alice Hunt (19<sup>th</sup>), Wrigley Wolfenden (20<sup>th</sup>), Hannah Strongitharm (20<sup>th</sup>), Carole Latham (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Marlene Pogson (22<sup>nd</sup>).

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## Contact Us

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This week, Mthr Katy is taking **Tuesday** as her day off.

## The week ahead

### Today – The Third Sunday of Advent

11.00am The Parish Mass

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - *O Sapientia*

1.15pm Yr 4 Crompton Primary  
School visit to church

7pm The Monday Mass for all ages

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

6.45 pm Brigade Christmas meal at  
Pizza Hut, meeting at Elk Mill

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm Choir Practice *followed by  
Choir drinks at The Vicarage*

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

10am Said Mass and drop-in

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00 am The Parish Mass with  
Nativity

In addition, **Morning Prayer** is usually said in Church each day at **7.30 am** (except on Mthr Katy's day off). Everybody is welcome.

Please send any items for this sheet to Mthr Katy by the end of **Thursday**.