

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).



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: 506

Gradual: printed overleaf

Offertory: printed overleaf

Communion: 318, 313

Recessional: printed overleaf

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Psalms 148

R: O praise the name of the Lord.

Colossians 3.1-17

Luke 2.41-end

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

Gradual Hymn

In our darkness light has shone
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
light and life of all the earth,
Alleluia!

Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
through the world his
splendours shine,
Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!

All who now in him believe,
Alleluia,
everlasting life receive,
Alleluia;
born of God and in his care,
Alleluia,
we his name and nature share,
Alleluia!

Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years,
Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!

Offertory Hymn

Hear how the bells of
Christmas play!
Well may they ring for joy and say,
O praise him! Alleluia!
God has fulfilled his promised
word,
born is our Saviour and our Lord,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Let all the waiting earth rejoice,
lift every heart and every voice,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Sing now the song to angels given,
Glory to God in highest heaven!
O praise him! Alleluia!

As through the silence of the skies
shepherds in wonder heard arise,
O praise him! Alleluia!
So may we hear again with them
songs in the night at Bethlehem,
O praise him! Alleluia!

All nature sang at Jesus' birth,
Hail the Creator come to earth!
O praise him! Alleluia!
Sun, moon and shining stars above,
tell out the story of his love,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Hear how the bells of
Christmas play!
Well may they ring for joy and say,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Come now to worship and adore,
Christ is our peace for evermore,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

**Christ is come! Let earth adore him;
God appears in mortal frame.
Saints and angels bow before him,
praise his high and holy Name.
Word of our salvation's story,
helpless babe of human birth,
Christ has laid aside his glory,
born for us a child of earth.**

**Christ is come and calls us to him;
here by faith behold your King;
with the shepherds kneel
to view him,
with the wise your treasures bring.
Child today and man tomorrow,
by his cross and crown of thorn
he shall vanquish sin and sorrow,
sing we then that Christ is born.**

**Christ is come! Let all enthrone him,
every tongue declare his praise;
every heart rejoice to own him
King of everlasting days.
Christ is come, our sure salvation,
Christ the ransomed sinner's friend,
so with all his new creation
sing the song that knows no end.**



Notices



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas worship – whether by singing, reading, welcoming, decorating church or anything else!



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!



For our prayers



The recently baptised:

Maximus Sneyd and
Chester Taylor

Those being baptised this month:

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

The recently departed: John Cooper and Alistair Henry.

Years Mind: Nellie Diggle (30th), Elizabeth Ann Schofield (31st), Clara Wright (31st), Grace Ann Schofield (1st), Colin Cooper (1st), Margaret June Rogero (2nd), Doreen Smith (2nd), Leslie Roberts (3rd), Violet Baird (3rd), Harold Yates (4th), Edith Butterworth (4th) and Irene Jagger (4th).

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The week ahead

Today – The First Sunday of Christmas

11.00am The Parish Mass

Monday 31st

7pm The Monday Mass for all ages

Tuesday 1st – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Wednesday 2nd

Thursday 3rd

Friday 4th

10am Said Mass and drop-in

Saturday 5th

6pm – 9pm PCC Epiphany Drinks
at The Vicarage

Sunday 6th – THE EPIPHANY

11.00 am The Parish Mass

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

This week, Mthr Katy is taking some
time off on **Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday.**