

Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 22nd December – Advent 4

Sunday 22nd December – Advent 4

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist, Baptism, Funky Church

6.00pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle & Nativity

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Day Communion



Sunday 29th December – The Naming of Jesus

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Worship

Advent 4

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.'

But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said, 'Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

(Isaiah 7: 10-16)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 80: 1-7 (Pg.556)

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us').

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

(Matthew 1: 18-25)

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

Post Communion Prayer

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

Next Sunday's Readings & Rotas

Eucharist: Isaiah 63: 7-9 & Matthew 2: 13-23

Readers: Brenda Rogerson

Intercessor: Ian Rogerson

Welcoming Team: Haydn & Gill Hopkins

Coffee: Brian & Chris Ward, Shirley Davies, June Lloyd

Ministers of Communion: Howard Kilvington

(Reserve: Gerald Bradnum)

For weekly prayers please

**see: www.llandaffchurchinwales.org.uk under Faith Worship & Prayer
(the Diocesan Prayer Calendar).**

IF YOU FEEL UNABLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE
CHALICE, THEN PLEASE RECEIVE THE BREAD ONLY.

NOTICES

MERRY CHRISTMAS!: Christ Church wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Services over the next few days and at our services in 2020.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: All are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate anew the gift of 'God with us' this Christmas.

- **Carol Service: *This evening (22nd) at 6.00pm**
- **Christingle & Nativity Service:** Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. Please come early to guarantee a seat at this very popular service.
- **Midnight Mass:** Christmas Eve at 11.00pm. You are all invited to our uplifting Midnight Mass service.
- **Christmas Communion:** We will not have an 8am service, but will celebrate a joyful Christmas Communion at 10am.

***TOMORROW* CAROLS AT CARTREF:** Children and young people are invited to join us once again to sing carols for the residents of Cartref Care Home. This is always a wonderful and uplifting event which allows the children to give something back to the community at Christmas. We will meet at **10am tomorrow (23rd) at the Vicarage (154 Lake Road East).**

CHRISTINGLE MAKING 10am: We'd love some help in making the Christingles on Christmas Eve morning at the Church Hall. Many thanks.

LOOK: to your left – as you face the altar you will see on the Reading Desk, a scrap book telling something of the story of the altar rail KNEELERS. If you like you may speak to Posy Akande about it, or perhaps Derek Burston.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: If any child is interested in taking first communion sessions, so they can receive communion at the altar, please do tell Rev'd Trystan. Children are usually in Years 1 to 3 in Primary School when they undertake these sessions. There are usually three sessions at Sunday lunchtimes (with lunch included) and these will take place early in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS – THE STORY: The Christmas Story finishes it's 2019

run today. It is most important to spread the Gospel to children and adults who don't attend a church. This needs funding to keep going each year, therefore the usual jar will be in the porch for loose change you may wish to donate, every penny helps, and there are a few cards if you would like to give a donation. Many thanks, yours in Christ.

BLUE COLLECTION BOX: The blue collection box in the porch is for general Church funds, principally to go towards general upkeep, repairs and maintenance. Recently, amongst other things, we sustained water damage caused by a flood in the Sacristy, taking up carpets and blocks, to mitigate the damage caused by a leaking pipe. We are fortunate that run of the mill and some maintenance is carried out by congregation members. Many thanks for supporting this initiative which has already yielded almost £300. Please carry on dropping in your loose change, all coin denominations gratefully accepted. Thank you.

***URGENT*GOOD COMPANIONS:** The Good Companions group urgently needs help with giving two local members lifts home at 4pm on Tuesdays, once a month, starting in January. If any one is able to volunteer please contact 02920 747021 or Alison 02920 761277.

THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST: The Eucharist is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. The upcoming dates are the **2nd & 16th January.** Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

TOILETRIES : Should anyone have any unopened toiletries which they would be happy to donate, please pass them on to Val (02920 747021). These are currently being collected for the Salvation Army Hostel in Cardiff for the benefit of their residents for which they are extremely grateful.

NEW HALL PROJECT

Fund raising for this Project continues so we welcome ideas. Please do your best to support the Allotment produce, home made jams & preserves and the collection of old £1 coins, concerts etc.

SOME OF THE IDEAS BELOW ARE ALREADY BEING UNDERTAKEN BUT ALL NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ALLOTMENT PRODUCE & HOMEMADE PRESERVES: Keep a look out for produce/preserves often available after the 10am Sunday service. No more jam jars required for the present.

OLD POUND COINS: We are collecting old pound coins for the Church Hall Appeal. If anyone has some please put them in the box in the entrance or into the collection bags. Thanks, Linda Alexander

CAKE MAKING - cakes always sell!

MUSIC CONCERTS

CROSS IN MY POCKET – These handmade embroidered crosses are ideal to keep in your phone case/purse/wallet or would make ideal gifts to pop into a greetings card. These can be picked up in the church porch: a donation of £1 will go towards the hall. Many thanks.

Please continue to support.

If anyone has any ideas, however big or small, to raise money for the exciting New Hall project, please share them! Thank you all for your continued support.

Notices for the Newsletter should be given to Denise Searle, tel. 029 20763151; Email info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk or left in the church letter box. Deadline is Wednesday morning

In the event of an EMERGENCY please leave by the nearest exit and assemble by the walled garden at the front of the car park.

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YOU ARE
Warmly Invited
TO JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS



**CHRIST CHURCH ROATH PARK
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**Carol Service
22nd December 6.00pm**

**Christingle Service
Christmas Eve 4.00pm**

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THE CHURCH BY THE LAKE