



19th December 2021
4th Sunday of Advent

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Notices

Can You Help?

Here are some of the many opportunities to offer your gifts in the coming weeks:

- Come on Christmas Eve in the morning to help with decorating the church or join the rota of flower arrangers'. Speak to Patricia Snell or Liz Holland to find out more.
- Contact the parish office to offer help with refreshments on Sunday mornings, when we are able to enjoy them again.

Thank You

Over £300 worth of items were sold from the recent Fairtrade stall. Many thanks for your support. For any further orders, please speak to Mike or Charlotte Payne.

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.

10.00 am Music

Offertory hymn 640

Recessional hymn 612

Organ Voluntary

Music setting: Inwood et al.

The Race that Long in Darkness Pined

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Fugue on the Magnificat (by J S Bach – BWV733)

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 20th December Luke 1 vv. 26 – 38
12.30 pm Fr Henry: St Peter's Chapel,
Exeter Crematorium,
Funeral of Rosemarie Faulkner

Tue 21st December Luke 1 vv. 39 – 45

Wed 22nd December Luke 1 vv. 46 – 56
12.00 noon Holy Communion
7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Thu 23rd December Luke 1 vv. 57 – 66
4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 24th December Luke 1 vv. 67 – 79
Christmas Eve
4.00 pm Crib service
11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Sat 25th December Luke 2 vv. 1 – 14
Christmas Day
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Christmas Day Parish Eucharist

Next Sunday: 26th December

1st Sunday of Christmas

Mark 9 vv. 38 – 50

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Advent Wreath Prayer

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.

First Reading: Micah 2 vv. 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10 vv. 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1 vv. 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

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.



TODAY

4.00 pm Singers' Rehearsal
6.00 pm Carol Service

The JAM/11-Ups Nativity performance has been postponed because of illness.



Greetings cards, 'thank you' notelets or simple Christmas gifts: these high-quality cards with envelopes feature the 'Compassion' sculpture inside St James' Church and are available at only £2.00 for a pack of 5. Contact the parish office with your order!