

PARISH DIARY

Christmas Day 10.30am. Family Service with Carols and Communion, children are invited to bring a present to show.

Sunday 27th Dec 10.30am Morning Worship.

Sunday 3rd January 9.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer).
10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RECTORY

This has been a challenging year for all of us, but now we can hold live services again, I hope you will find some real comfort and joy in worshipping with us and your family this Christmas time.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Please introduce yourselves if we haven't met and fill in a Welcome leaflet if you are new.

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St Michael and All Angels Hoole



*Mary will give birth to a Son, and they will call him Immanuel
which means God with us. Matthew 1 v 23*



‘CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL’S HOOLE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

24th December 2020 11.30pm



A very warm welcome to our Christmas services. We hope that as you hear again the message of the angels you will meet with and worship the child in the manger who is also the King of Kings. May His risen presence transform your life today and forever.

THE WELCOME

Carol Number 1: O Little town of Bethlehem

The Greeting

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

The Christmas Prayer

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name:
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1 18-25

The Birth of Jesus Christ —

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.

Carol Number 13: Silent Night

SERMON

Carol Number 12: O Come All ye Faithful

THE BLESSING:

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

There will be an opportunity to give to the work of the Church as you leave. If you are a UK taxpayer please put your offering in the yellow envelope provided in the pews, so your offering can be gift aided.

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.30AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH CAROLS AND COMMUNION

All children are invited to bring one of their
Christmas presents to show to the congregation.



Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the 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.

The Giving of Communion:

*All are invited to come to the Lord's Table either to receive the bread and wine
if this is your custom or simply to receive a blessing by keeping your hands to
your side.*

Come to this table not because you must but because you may.
Come not because you have all faith but because you have some faith and
would like to grow in it.
Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
Come because he loves you, and wants to give you everything.
Come because all is ready, and we are his Body

Carols during Communion:

14 It came upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer after Communion:

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Prayers :

Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Confession:

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'you shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world' Amen

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called
the Prince of Peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Carol Number 10: Hark the Herald Angels

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER (sit)

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God Almighty x 2,
Who was and is and is to come: holy, holy holy is the Lord**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
Through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
And as we follow his example and obey his command,
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
These gifts of bread and wine
May be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father
We remember his offering of himself
Made once for all upon the cross;
We proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
We look for the coming of your kingdom,
And with this bread and this cup
We make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of Faith

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
This our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
And as we eat and drink these holy gifts
In the presence of your divine majesty,
Renew us by your Spirit, Inspire us with your love
And unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
With all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
We worship you, Father almighty
In songs of everlasting praise.

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**