## **PARISH DIARY**

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

Sunday 1st January (no 9.00am service) 10.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 15th 12.00 ST MICHAEL'S PLAYERS IN "THERE CAME THREE SOLDIERS"

Sunday 22nd Jan 3.45pm PARTY CHURCH IN ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RECTORY

Ann and Peter would like to thank everyone for their friendship and support last year. It has been a very exciting year with the building and opening of our new Lodge with all its new opportunities for outreach in the community with our children and young people's work, Alpha course, social events etc.

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



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# 'CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL'S HOOLE MIDNIGHT COMUNION

24th December 2022 11.15pm



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

# **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



# 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

**Carol Number 13: Silent Night** 

Gospel Reading: John 1 v 1-14

#### The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome [a] it.

#### SERMON

#### 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



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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: 8 See Amid the Winter's Snow 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

A collection will be taken during this carol. (If you are a UK Tax payer please use the yellow envelope provided for your offering and complete the front.

## 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 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.