

**Tuesday 24th December**

**4pm: St. Luke's Crib Service**

Organist: Rita Roscoe



(help wanted with the children and their nativity costumes - please speak to Revd. Jo Jones or a churchwarden if you can help)

**11.30pm: Midnight Mass**

**President & Preacher:** Revd Jo Jones

**Crucifer:** Lucy Bubb

**Server:** David Millward

**Chalice:** Lucy Bubb

**Intercessions:** Lucy Bubb

**Readings**

**Isaiah 9:2-7** David Millward

**Titus 2:11-14** Lucy Bubb

**Luke 2:1-20**

**Sidesmen:** Hilary Few

**Sound:** Sue Davies

**Duty Churchwarden:** Lucy Bubb

**Organist:** Philippa Penkett

**Wednesday 25th December**

**Christmas Day**

**10am: Service of Holy Communion**

**President & Preacher:** Rev Gemma Fraser

**Crucifer:** Sue Davies

**Server:** Janette Tadman

**Chalice:** Revd Suzanne, Sue Davies

**Intercessions:** Revd Gemma

**Readings**

**Isaiah 52:7-10** Jane Chambers

**Hebrews 1:1-4** Dave Chambers

**John 1:1-14**

**Sidesmen:** Chris Fawcett, Jane Chambers

**Sound:** David Millward

**Duty Churchwarden:** Mike Tadman

**Organist:** Alan Arnot

**Sunday 29th December**

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

**10am: Service of Holy Communion**

**President & Preacher:** Rev Gemma Fraser

**Crucifer** Richard Field

**Server** Janette Tadman

**Chalice** Revd Suzanne, Richard Field

**Sidesmen** Maxine Buck, Hilary Few

**Sound** Helen Field

**Coffee** Mary Marshall, Maxine Buck

**Counters** Richard Field, Mike Tadman

**Duty Churchwarden** Sue Davies

**Sunday 19th January is our  
Christingle Service at 10am**



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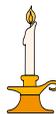
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**PCC Messages**

The PCC met this week and agreed the budget for 2020, which is a deficit budget of £7,368. The PCC recognised that the coming year is important as we cannot continue to plan for a deficit, and there will be further discussion about this at the next meeting.

**Living Light**

The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of Joyce Stockwell



**Newsletter Content**

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124

Email janettetadman@gmail.com

Deadline Wednesday evening

**Sunday 22nd December**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

**10am Fourth Sunday Service**

*'Let your face shine upon us,  
that we may be saved.'*

**Leader and Speaker** Richard Field

**Readings**

**Psalms 80** Helen Field

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**Sidesman** Dawn Thomas, Chris Fawcett

**Sound** Helen Field

**Coffee** Jane and Dave Chambers

**Counters** Helen Field, Richard Field

**Duty Churchwarden** Richard Field

**Organist** John Kingham

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**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**

**TO OUR VISITORS** Welcome to our service. The **hymn numbers** are displayed on the boards, and will also be announced. When we come to receive Holy Communion, please see the notes in our **Order of Service**, which are provided for your guidance. We like to mark **birthdays** by singing "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you." If it is your birthday this week, please tell one of the ministers.

**The ministry of Prayer with Laying-on-of-Hands for Healing** is available every Sunday. If you would like this for yourself or another, please speak to one of the Ministers or Churchwardens.

## Readings

**Isaiah 7:10-16** - not being read at Sunday morning service

### Psalm 80

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
<sup>2</sup>before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!  
<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
<sup>6</sup>You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
<sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.  
<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;  
<sup>11</sup>it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.  
<sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?  
<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.  
<sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,  
<sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted.  
<sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.  
<sup>17</sup>But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.  
<sup>18</sup>Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.  
<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Romans 1:1-7** - not being read at Sunday morning service.

### Matthew 1:18-end

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do 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 as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:  
<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Revd Gemma, Revd Suzanne and the Warden team  
wish everyone a blessed Christmas!**

## Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Emma, Basil, Greta, Carmen, Revd John S, Melvyn, Nicky and Alina, Sally and Peter, Mary U and Margaret L.

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:  
Margaret Farrell (22.12.1998)  
Dennis Brown (27.12.1990)

## R.I.P Kath Bell †

We were very sorry to hear that Kath died at home unexpectedly on Wed 11th December. Please keep her daughter Liz and family in your prayers. Kath will be greatly missed.

## The New Archbishop of York

It was announced this week that the Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford is to be the new Archbishop of York - Chelmsford's loss is the Church of England's gain!

## Huge Thanks

A huge thanks to everyone who helped in person, and with prayers, for our first ever Christmas Tree Festival last weekend. We had 25 Christmas trees and c.200 adults and children who came to see them - it was such a success that the PCC has decided to host another one in 2020!

## Christmas Giving

For those that have not heard, a rough sleeper was found dead in St John's churchyard on 5th December. It had been a very cold night and it is thought that may have contributed to his death. Please remember him in your prayers but also consider the impact our advent giving could have in supporting the work of CRISIS, the national homeless charity. Over the festive period, we will be supporting the following charities:

- CRISIS at Christmas, throughout Advent
- Little Havens Children's Hospice, Crib Service
- The Children's Society, Christingle Service.

Please look out for Gift Aid envelopes so that, if you are a tax payer, the charities can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation.

## This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

### Monday 23 December

*Pray for Crisis, Chess and all homeless organisations and people*

### Tuesday 24 December

#### Christmas Eve

*Pray for Rose Glen*

4pm: Crib Service

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

### Wednesday 25 December

#### Christmas Day

10am: Service of Holy Communion

### Thursday 26 December

*Pray for World Peace*

### Friday 27 December

*Pray for Little Havens Children's Hospice*

### Saturday 28 December

*Pray for Galleywood Road*

11am: Saturday Coffee

## Saturday Coffee

**28th December**

*On duty: Larry Walters*

**Join us for coffee and fellowship**

