

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..

FIRST READING Micah 5: 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.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek; He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10: 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 Luke 1: 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.'

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE
NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR
VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH.
FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN
THE HALL

20th December 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.

We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service.

Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools:

Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School; for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.00 on Thursdays at the Junior School

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:-

Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joyce Brett, Christine MacKay, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothill, Ron Thomas, James Inwood, Edna Moody, the Bonthrone family

Please pray for the recently departed:-

Bishop Eric Kemp, Lincoln Brett, Karin Bonthrone, James Llewellyn

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

TODDLER CORNER This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The children will be taking part in the Family Eucharist

Our chosen charity for December is Medical Aid for Palestinians

22 DECEMBER – 12.30 funeral of Lincoln Brett. All are welcome.

24 DECEMBER - 5.00 pm Christingle service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Leaflets containing details of Christmaside services are on the Narthex table.

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13 JANUARY - 3.15 pm meeting of the Fellowship and Support Group hosted by Jean Rose, 98 Nyetimber Lane.

17 JANUARY - 10.30 Family Eucharist on the theme of Christian Unity
 3-4 pm - A Christian Unity Family Celebration with Ishmael at the Methodist Church, Waterloo Square

TODAY'S SERVICES

Holy Communion BCP 1662

Family Eucharist – the Prince of Peace

Parish Carol Service – Nine Lessons and Carols

08.00

10.30

18.00

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 21 Dec

Tuesday 22 Dec

Wednesday 23 Dec

Thursday 24 Dec

Friday 25 Dec

Saturday 26 Dec

St Stephen, first Christian martyr

Eucharist

Eucharist

Funeral of Lincoln Brett

Evening Prayer

Prayer of the Rosary

Eucharist Unity

Christingle

Midnight Mass

Holy Communion

Eucharist

Eucharist

Evening Prayer

10.00

10.00

12.30

18.00

19.00

10.00

17.00

23.30

08.00

10.00

11.30

17.00

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY - 27 December

First Sunday of Christmas/Holy Family Sunday

Holy Communion

Parish Eucharist

08.00

10.30