

Choir Introit
Hymn 253

Gloria in excelsis Deo
It came upon the midnight clear (omit v 4)

COLLECT

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**

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hymn 554

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

.Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn 403 *Once in royal David's city*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives to yours, for he is Lord for ever and ever

COMMUNION SENTENCE

The Word of God became man; we have seen his glory.

Hymn 444

Silent night

Anthem

Jesus Christ the apple tree... Poston
Nativity Carol ... Rutter
The holly and the ivy... Gardner

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, in the night you have made know to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.

Hymn 357

O come all ye faithful

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

Sunday 27 December
 Christmas I: Holy Family Sunday

Holy Communion 8.00
 Parish Eucharist 10.30

Monday 28 December

Holy Innocents: martyrs
 Mass 10.00

Tuesday 29 December

St John the evangelist
 Evening Prayer 18.00
 Mass 18.30

Wednesday 30 December

Thursday 31 December
 John Wyclif
 Mass 10.00

Friday 1 January New Year's Day

The Naming of Jesus
 Mass 10.00

Saturday 2 January

St Basil the Great
 Mass 11.30

Sunday 3 January

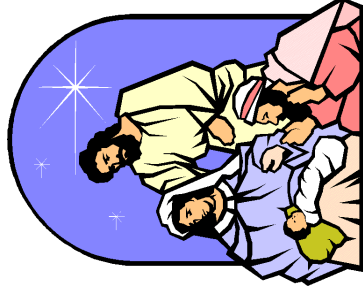
Christmas 2
 Holy Communion 8.00
 Parish Eucharist 10.30

Wednesday 6 January

The Feast of the Epiphany
 Mass 19.00

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



24th December 2009 Midnight Mass

*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.*

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday	21 Dec	Eucharist	10.00
Tuesday	22 Dec	Eucharist	10.00
		Funeral of Lincoln Brett	12.30
Wednesday	23 Dec	Evening Prayer	18.00
		Prayer of the Rosary	19.00
Thursday	24 Dec	Eucharist Unity	10.00
		Christingle	17.00
		Midnight Mass	23.30
Friday	25 Dec	Holy Communion	08.00
		Eucharist	10.30
Saturday	26 Dec	Eucharist	11.30
		St Stephen, first Christian martyr	17.00
		Evening Prayer	

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY - 27 December
 First Sunday of Christmas/Holy Family Sunday
 Holy Communion
 Parish Eucharist

08.00
 10.30

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