

Choir Processional Alleluia...Britten

Hymn 75 *Child in the manger (v1 choir only)*

COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

.Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth..

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

Hymn 527 *Virgin-born, we bow before thee (v3 choir only)*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Hymn 176 *God rest you merry gentlemen (w2 and 5 choir only)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly King, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so we may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

Hymn 357 *O come all ye faithful (w1,2,3,6 & 7)*

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 Years 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

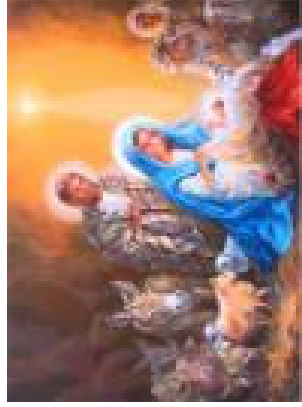
Wednesday 6 January

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



25th December 2009 Christmas Day

*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
		Evening Prayer	17.00
		<i>St Stephen, first Christian martyr</i>	

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