

Notices

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 19th December at 18:30

The Christmas story, told in bible readings, and carols for choir and congregation.

Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Wednesday 22nd December 19:30

A time to pause and soak up the meaning of Christmas before the rush really starts!

CHRISTMAS EVE EVE

Thursday 23rd

Christingle Making 3pm,

CHRISTMAS EVE,

Friday 24th December

CHRISTINGLE CRIB SERVICE at 16:00

Nativity story and Blessing of the Crib

A special service for families with a surprise (or several!).

MIDNIGHT MASS at 23:30

With Christians throughout the world, we welcome Christmas in this service of Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY,

Saturday 25th December

All Age Communion at 10:00

Start your Christmas Day at this joyful service for all ages. We will be singing carols; bring a present to show everybody!



Choir rehearsals for
Carol Service

Sunday 19th December

Check out our new website:



www.cogsonline.co.uk

IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:

Pat Head, Celia Smith, Alan & Margaret Soames, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley, Pam Jones, Brenda Hewson, Linda Vallance, Marion Alcock, Sophie Collin

RIP:

For changes or additions to the pew sheet please email: vicar.cogs@gmail.com



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2021



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4th Sunday of Advent — 19th December 2021

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

10:30 Holy Communion

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| 47 | People, look east |
| 26 | Advent candles |
| 313 | For Mary, mother of our Lord |
| 394 | Tell out my soul |

The 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.

Amen

Prayer after communion

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

Did you know that to pay our bills we need to raise over £1000 per week.

If you would like to help support our work you can give online. Scan the QR code to see our donations page.

Thank you



Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people: 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.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Hebrews 10.5-10

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 READING

Luke 1.39-55)

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.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in

God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Prayer for fourth Advent Candle

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

