

# The Parish Church of All Saints

## 23 December 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

You are very welcome to All Saints this morning for this sung Eucharist (Holy Communion). Children are very welcome here and, if they want to, they can take part in the children's activities that happen at the east end of the church and in the choir vestry.

Children leave after coming to the altar for a prayer at the end of the first hymn and return for the Communion.

At certain times in the service the choir sings on behalf of the congregation; this allows us to think more deeply about our relationship with God in our lives, through meditating on the words and music chosen for the day. The words that they sing can be found either in the service book or later in this sheet. Today the mass setting is **Ireland in C**.

The service starts on page 1 of the purple booklet.

**The opening hymn is 501.**

We say together the collect – the special prayer for this Sunday.

**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**

The reading from the Old Testament today is **Micah 5:2-5a**; which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament, **Hebrews 10:5-10**.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **408 (first tune)** after which we remain standing and turn to face the centre of the church from where the Gospel is read.

Today's Gospel is **Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]** - the text is on the back of this pew sheet.

Our preacher today is the **Rev'd David Bell**.

After the sermon we stand together to say the Creed, which begins on page 4 of the purple booklet.

After the Peace we sing the **Offertory Hymn 18** during which a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the bread and wine for the Eucharist are brought to the altar.

The service continues with the Preparation of the Table on page 6 of the purple booklet.

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion the choir will sing the motet **O magnum mysterium (Victoria)**

*O magnum mysterium  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum  
jacentem in praesepe.  
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.  
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Alleluia!*

*O great mystery  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord  
lying in a manger!  
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb  
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

After Communion the Priest will say:

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**

The **Final Hymn** is **11**.

## NOTICES AND NEWS

Mon 24th 4.00pm and 5.30pm Carols Around the Crib  
Mon 24 11.00pm Midnight Mass  
Tue 25th 9.30am Main Christmas Day Service  
Sun 6th Jan 6pm Epiphany Carol Service

### Playing Our Part: Stewardship 2019

There's still time to return your stewardship forms. If you have any questions, do contact Anne Packer, Stewardship Secretary, 020 8549 1960, or [afipacker123@gmail.com](mailto:afipacker123@gmail.com)

### A very big Christmas thank you

To everyone who will work hard at this time to help make our Christmas celebrations go smoothly. The choir, of course, work very hard at these seasons but so do people arranging flowers, stewarding services, and preparing for them, not to mention the great Christmas Tree Festival team. A very huge thank you to everyone.

### Just before you return that unwanted present...

...you could think about donating it to the Burns Night fundraiser for All Saints as a raffle prize. We'll need donations for the end of January.

### Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 6th January at 6pm. The last of our Christmas services. Do come and join us.

### Christmas services:

Carols round the Crib - 4pm AND 5.3pm on Christmas Eve followed that night by Midnight Mass at 11pm. On Christmas Day 8am (said BCP Communion) and 9.30am Choral Eucharist

### Burns Night

Saturday the 26th of January for dancing and general carousing – it's not too early to book a table or a place. The sign up sheet is by the south door.

### An outing to watch the Leopard

Jeremy Jeffreys would be happy to organise a trip to the Southbank to see this great Luchino Visconti film, 23rd (4.10pm) or 29th (1.50pm) December. See him or Jonathan if you're interested.

### ASK Office closure: disposal of surplus equipment

At the end of the year the ASK Trust will be closing its office, currently located in the Guildhall, and there are a number of items of office equipment that we will become surplus to requirements. The main item is an Optiplex 9030 computer, but there are also an HP Officejet 6600

printer, two under-desk drawer pedestals and a selection of extension cables, staplers, hole punches and other small items. If you are interested in having any of these, please contact either Jonathan or Keith Long (on [klong@whereenglandbegan.co.uk](mailto:klong@whereenglandbegan.co.uk)). For the most part they are free to anyone who is prepared to collect them (early in January), although for the computer and possibly the printer we would expect a donation to the Trust's funds.

### Keith Long - thank you!

Keith will no longer be working for the ASK Trust as of the end of this year. With diligence, skill, good humour and great dedication he has served the Trust, and by it, our church for which we have a great deal to thank him for. "By their fruits you will know them" - we just have to look around on a Sunday morning to see the fruits of Keith's labours. Thank you Keith!

### No right answers - January 17th at 7pm

Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church

### Readings for 30 December 2018

|        |                                                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 9.30am | 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-end |
| 6.00pm | Isaiah 61; Galatians 3:27—4.7                           |

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## **SERVICES**

### **JANUARY**

#### **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> THE EPIPHANY**

10am All Age Communion

#### **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

10am Parish Communion with baptism of Florence and Charlotte Wickson and children's church

12 Baptism of Huxley Owen

#### **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

9am Holy Communion

10am Sacred Space and children's church

12 Baptism of Millie Colyer and Mollie

Woodbridge

#### **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

10am Parish Communion and children's church

**LITTLE GROOVERS** is closed for Christmas. Back 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## **CONTACTS FOR ST JOHN'S**

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## THE READINGS

### 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.

If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

### 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.

### Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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. <sup>43</sup>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.'