



Weekly notice sheet for the week beginning 24th December 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A very warm welcome to our worship today.

If you are a visitor to the church please introduce yourself to the Vicar, to the Churchwarden or to one of the Welcomers after the service. Crèche facilities are available in the tower room at the back of the church. An induction loop is fitted for people with hearing aids – please turn to the T-position. All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Communion can be administered to someone in their seat – please ask. May God bless us as we gather together as God's people.

TODAY'S SERVICES.

8.15am Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Readings:
2 Samuel 7:1-11,16
Romans 16:25-end
Luke 1:26-38

Please take this leaflet away with you so you can refer to the notices contained in it. Please also use it to prompt prayers for this parish and all we seek to do in God's service.

Please pass any items for inclusion to Lesley Hudson by 10am Friday

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WHAT'S ON IN THIS PARISH...

This week...

Sun 24th Dec 4pm Crib Service
Sun 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Mon 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY
10.00am Family Communion
Mon 26th Dec STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR
9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Weds 27th Dec JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)

.....and beyond

Sun 7th Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
10.00am Family Communion
Sun 14th Jan THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism
Sun 28th Jan THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR...

Those in need: Rosie Hargreaves, Tyler Manley, the Barrett family, Michael Baxter, Louise Spilman, Peter McNeill, Matthew Warham, William Brown, David Harrison

Christmas appeal from Jigsaw. Please collect a copy from the back of the church.

Please collect a copy of a letter and survey prepared by Julie Bacon with regard to future service planning over the three churches. It is important that we all participate in this survey. Please return your form by the end of December 2017.

Christmas Services Collections. The collections at the Carol Service, Midnight Eucharist and Christmas Day services will be shared between St George's Crypt, Leeds, and The collection at the Crib Service will be for The Children's Society.

Christmas Cards for church friends. As we did last year, those who wish to do so are invited to write just one card with Christmas wishes to all the friends we see in person in church instead of giving Christmas cards to everyone. The savings on the cost of the cards could perhaps be donated to charity. A table to display the cards is available in Church should you wish to use it.

Lighting the Advent Ring

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

After the candle is lit the reader invites us to say together

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas
and bless us your children who long for your coming.
Amen.**



Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

The Collect: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Post 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.

First Reading

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Second Reading

Romans 16.25-27

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel

Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.



Come to the stable and celebrate.
Come to the stable and rejoice.
Come to the stable and meet Jesus,
born for you, for me and for all the
world.
Come to the stable and sing your songs.
Come to the stable and join in
the dance of Christmas.

Next Sunday 31st December 2017
The First Sunday of Christmas

8.15am No Service
10.00am Family Communion

Readings:
Isaiah 61. 10-62.3
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2. 15-21