



## Sunday 20th December 2009

### Sunday Services:

4th of Advent

10.00 am Prayer.  
10.30 am Morning Prayer & Baptism.  
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight.  
Reading: Luke 1: 39-45 (p1026)  
Reader: Sandy Vanstan.  
Intercessors: Rose Young.

### Christmas Eve:

3.00 pm Christingle.  
5.00 pm Christingle.  
11.30 pm Midnight Communion.  
Readings: Titus 2: 11-14 (p1199)  
Luke 2: 1-14 (p1027)  
Readers: Neil Monkman, John Dracup.  
Intercessor: John Dracup.

### Christmas Day:

8.00 am BCP Communion.  
Readings: Hebrews 1: 1-12 (p1201)  
John 1: 1-14 (p1063)  
Reader: Mrs J Clarkson.  
10.30 am Family Communion.  
Readings: Hebrews 1: 1-4 (p1201)  
John 1: 1-14 (p1063)  
Readers: Jennifer Sanderson, Dawn Gilkes.  
Intercessor: Virginia Hashimi.

### Issues for Prayer

- Please pray for those coming to church over Christmas.
- Please pray God will move by His Spirit.
- Praise God for every opportunity to witness.
- Praise God for the greatest gift of all.

### NOTICE BOARD

Carol Service Tonight 6.30 pm come early or be disappointed.

#### Christmas Services

Carols by Candlelight	December 20th	6.30 pm
Christingles	Christmas Eve	3.00 & 5.00 pm
Midnight Communion	Christmas Eve	11.30 pm
BCP Communion	Christmas Day	8.00 am
Family Communion	Christmas Day	10.30 am

*Celebration                      December 27th    10.30 am*

**Christingle** *Candles are on the welcome desk for you to take home to fill and bring back with you to one of the Christingle services. If you would like to take one for anyone else in your family then please feel free to do so.*

**Christingle Making** *As in previous years we will be setting up our production line for Christingle making on Wednesday December 23rd at 6.30 pm liberally lubricated with mulled wine and mince pies. The more that come the quicker it will be done. Let's try to beat last years record of just under the hour!*

**Christmas Cards** *We are suggesting that everyone write one Christmas card to the whole church family and put it on the board to the side of the welcome desk, then place a donation for Cancer Research in the box provided.*

**Hi Everybody** *Don and Dawn are back after 3 amazing months and as the weeks unfold I am sure you will get tired of hearing about the things we have seen, done and heard. We have over 1,000 photos! We have travelled something like 32,000 miles during that time from 8 hours behind to 8 hours ahead of GMT. We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way during our time away. Now we are looking forward to seeing God's continued hand of grace upon the church in the years to come. In the New Year there will be a presentation to the church of their adventures.*

**Freedom in Christ** *Beginning 5th January at 7.30 pm in the Vicarage plus the day away Saturday 6th March.*

**Rotas** *The service rotas for January are in the pigeon holes.*

**Food Cupboard** *We are now putting together Christmas parcels, it would be lovely if we could include some Christmas food items, please remember us when you are out shopping. Thanks Daisy and Jean.*

**Shoe Box Appeal** *Rachel and Gavin would like to thank everybody who donated shoe boxes this year. We got 55 shoe boxes and a certificate can be found on the welcome desk.*

**Help Still Needed** *Many thanks to the three people who have come forward in response to the request for help in various areas of ministry. However, this means that key areas still do not have enough volunteers and this may mean that the **VA/PA, Rock Solid and Street Team** will not be able to operate on some weeks. We are not expecting a weekly commitment for any of these ministries, but are hoping to get as many people involved as possible so that you would only be needed once a month. Please see Jonathan or Phil for more details.*

**Sunday 27th December Duty Rota:**

**Deputy Warden:** *Andy Vanstan.*

**Readers:** *Brian Dracup, Irene Sanderson.*

**Intercessor:** *Lindsay Kerton.*

**Welcome/Coffee:** *Cathy Cook, Sally Dinsdale, Joyce and Bill Robinson.*

**Counting:** *Sally Dinsdale, Gerry Newton*

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*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*

**Collect for Christmas Eve**

*Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### **Collect for Christmas Day**

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.  
Amen.*

### **Collect for The First Sunday of Christmas**

*God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*



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