

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**



God is with Us

The child shall be called Emmanuel, a name which means God-with-us.

The expectation of Advent is that God will be with us, and the magic of the coming feast comes from the recognition that often despite appearances God is actually already with us.

It is so easy to get engrossed and caught up with ourselves, our business and troubles - or alternatively to think that by being caught up with each other at this season, we are seeing the be-all and end-all of reality.

The reality is actually that in all these things, God is with us.

This week try each day to look at yourself or someone else with the eyes of faith - and recognise God-with-us!

**Advent IV
(22nd December 2019)**

- 08.30 Said Mass
- 09.30 Matins (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 23rd December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Morning Mass
- 15.00 Crib Service
- 19.15 Nine Lessons & Carols
- 23.30 Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December

- 10.30 Solemn Choral Mass

Thursday 26th December

- 12.15 Mass

Friday 27th December

- 12.15 Mass

Saturday 28th December

- 09.30 Mass



Please remember to respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary

All are invited to share refreshments after Mass in the Saints Parish Centre across the churchyard.

ADVENT IV - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn 11

Setting **Plainsong: Missa Alme Pater**

Collect Prayer

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**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Before the Gospel Plainchant Alleluia and antiphon
(O Rex Gentium)

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord Matthew 1.18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn 19

Communion Motet *Ecce concipies (Jacob Handl)*

Postcommunion 9

Voluntary **Voluntary in A minor**
(William Kendall)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Introit **Rorate Caeli (Advent Prose)**

Responses **Plainsong**

Hymn 11

Psalm 113

First Lesson 1 Samuel 1.1-20

Office Hymn 1

Antiphons **O Oriens & O Emmanuel**

Canticles **Plainsong (Mode ii)**

Second Lesson **Revelation 22.6-end**

Anthem **Adam lay ybounden (Boris Ord)**

Offertory Hymn **AM 18 (see separate sheet)**

Voluntary **Prelude on 'Vom Himmel hoch'**
(F W Zachow)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 22nd December - Advent IV

- For the Hospice Movement
- ◇ For the work of the ecumenical movement
- ✦ *George Leonard Insley; Peggy Wood*

Monday 23rd December

- For health workers and hospital chaplains
- ◇ Evo (Nigeria); Exeter (England)

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- For God's light throughout the world
- ◇ Ezo (S Sudan); Faisalabad (Pakistan)
- ✦ *Marjorie Yarnold*
- ✦ *Michael Mann*

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

- For peace throughout the world
- ◇ Peace of Jerusalem & the people of Bethlehem; Falkland Islands; False Bay (Sn Africa); Federal Ministries (TEC)
- ✦ *Mary Leech*

Thursday 26th December - Stephen

- For all who suffer persecution for their faith
- ◇ Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean); Florida (TEC)

Friday 27th December - John

- For steadfastness in faith
- ◇ Fond du Lac (TEC); Fort Worth (TEC)
- ✦ *Kenneth Cotter*
- ✦ *Harry Hague*
- ✦ *Enid Short*
- ✦ *Dennis King, Priest*

Saturday 28th December - Holy Innocents

- For all children
- ◇ Fredericton (Canada); Freetown (W Africa)
- ✦ *Arthur Crofts*
- ✦ *Martha Bullous*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Year's Mind

Our prayers have been asked for:

Jane Hoskin; Charlese Cain; Carol Miles; John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Carol Kingham; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Ian Mackenzie; Cynthia; Mark Drew; Arthur Croft; Alex Payne

- ✦ *Percy Chater, RIP*
- ✦ *Heather Lacey, RIP*

Church 'Post Box'

Don't forget to collect your Christmas Cards from the back of the church!

Freewill Offering Envelope Scheme

Envelopes for 2020 are now ready. Please contact Andrew Peppitt or Sheila Barrett.

Visitor Opening Times

Between Christmas and the New Year, the church will be open to visitors from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Friday 27th, Saturday 28th, Monday 30th, and Tuesday 31st December. Many thanks to those who have volunteered as Stewards during this period.

Gift Shop Christmas / New Year Opening

24th December: Open 10am - 4pm
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th December: Closed
30th, 31st December: Open 10am - 2pm
1st January: Closed
2nd January: Back to normal -
(Monday-Saturday, 10am - 4pm)

'Learning in Faith' Programme 2020

Details of these free courses/workshops are in a booklet available at the back of church, or via the Diocesan website.

Next Sunday - 29th December - Christmas I

09.30 Matins (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Hebrews 2.10-end
Matthew 2.13-end

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