

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 19th December - Advent IV—O Radix Jesse

- For the work of the Children's Society
- ◊ The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 20th December—O Clavis David

- For health workers and hospital chaplains
- ◊ Ikwuano - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Heather Lacey

Tuesday 21st December—O Oriens

- For the faithful ministry of our retired clergy
- ◊ Ilaje - The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 22nd December—O Rex Gentium

- That children know the real meaning of Christmas
- ◊ Ile-Oluji - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ George Inasley; Peggy Wood

Thursday 23rd December—O Emmanuel

- For Bishops Libby and Malcolm, and all our clergy
- ◊ Ilesa - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Martha Asquith

Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve

- For ways to share God's love with family & friends
- ◊ Ilesa South West - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Marjorie Yarnold; Michael Mann

Saturday 25th December—Christmas Day

- For peace throughout the world
- ◊ North East India - Church of North India
- ✦ Mary Leech; Gertrude Weir; Alistair May

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Teddy; June Frankland; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Ray Hearn; Tom Pierce; members of the Wolf-Kidd family; Valerie Alice Seeney; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Tony Ragan; Richard Harrison; Baby Thea; Liz Parker; Julie Weeks; Becky Laird; Barry Fletcher; Pamela Fletcher; Van; Colin Hutson; Rosalia Hazel; Andrea Sutcliffe; Alice Martin; Richard Andrews; John Grubb; Anne Davies

✦ Daisy Wallis, RIP

Lunchtime Recital

The next recital is on Thursday 23rd December, at 1pm, with the Inspirations Theatre Company. Free entry, with a retiring collection for the Music Fund.

Church 'Post Box'

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

Visitor Opening Times

From Monday 27th to Friday 31st December, the church will be open to Visitors between 10am and 2pm, with Mass at 12.15pm each day. Many thanks to those who have volunteered as Stewards during this period.

Gift Shop Opening Times

The Gift Shop will close at 4pm on 24th December and re-open for normal business (10am-4pm, Monday-Saturday) on Monday 3rd January.

Saint Leonard's

Access to the building is temporarily suspended pending safety work to the ceiling.

Next Sunday - 26th December - Stephen

10.30 Sung Mass
Readings: Acts 7.51-end
Matthew 10.17-22

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

Have Come to do Your Will

*See, God, I have come to do your will,
O God.*

These are the words placed in the mouth of Jesus by the writer of Hebrews. The writer goes on to say that we are sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus **once for all**.

Jesus gave his all to the Father's will. Come what may, his life was **fully** given from his birth until his death and beyond, today and in the future, the body of Jesus is offered for all.

Jesus draws us into his self-giving, for if we are sanctified then we have to do the same as he did, and we have to be the same as he was.

Giving ourselves up to the will of the God of love—this is the meaning of the incarnation, then, now and for all time.



**ADVENT IV
(19th December 2021)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Sung Compline

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 20th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21st December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 13.00 Lunchtime Recital
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 24th December

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

Saturday 25th December

- 10.30 Procession & Choral Mass



ADVENT IV - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 11

Setting: Missa XVII (plainsong)

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 the Letter to the Hebrews 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.

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

Gradual Hymn: 181

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord Luke 1.39-55

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. 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.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 7

Communion Motet: O Radix Jesse (plainsong)

Post-Communion Hymn: 9

Voluntary: Fantasia in G minor (*Johann Pachelbel*)

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Special Service Sheet