

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Sunday 26th December - Stephen

- All who suffer persecution because of their faith
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Central America

Monday 27th December - John

- For steadfastness in faith
- ◊ Northern Indiana - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Kenneth Cotter; Harry Hague; Enid Short;*
Dennis King, Priest

Tuesday 28th December - The Holy Innocents

- For all children who are suffering
- ◊ Indianapolis - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Arthur Crofts; Martha Bullous; Beryl Thompson*

Wednesday 29th December - Thomas Becket

- All who heard of the Saviour's love in December
- ◊ Iowa - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Jenny Turner; Marian Chaplin; Ivor Maltby;*
Vera James; Wilfred Smith

Thursday 30th December

- For commitment to the good of others in 2022
- ◊ Iran - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem
& The Middle East
- ✦ *Albert Hatton; Vera Costigan; Peggy Rose*

Friday 31st December - John Wyclif

- For continued trust in God
- ◊ Irele-Eseodo - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Sheila Hearnshaw; Doris Allan*

**Saturday 1st January - Naming & Circumcision
of Jesus**

- That all may encounter God's love
- ◊ Isi mbano - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Ethel Ecclestone*
- 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

- ✦ *Daisy Wallis, RIP*
- ✦ *Anne Davies, RIP*
- ✦ *Patricia Berritta, RIP*

Other Services

Please note that daily Mass between Monday 27th December and Saturday 1st January will be celebrated at **12.15pm** each day. There will be no Evensong in Church on Sunday 26th December or on Sunday 2nd January.

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. 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 - 2nd January - Christmas II

10.30 Sung Mass
Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14
John 1.1-18



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**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints
Christmas 2021**



**Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day, 10.30am)
Procession & Choral Mass**

Processional Hymn: 24
Mass Setting: Messe Brève (*Gounod*)

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

Gradual Hymn: 20

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John

Glory to you, O Lord John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 30

Communion Motet: Still, still, still (*Ledger*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 26

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Vom Himmel
hoch, da komm' ich her'
(*Johann Pachelbel*)

Sunday 26th December (Feast of Stephen, 10.30am)

Sung Mass

Processional Hymn: 34

Mass Setting: Rawsthorne

Collect Prayer

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, 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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 7.51-end

Stephen said, 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Gradual Hymn: 387

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew

Glorify to you, O Lord Matthew 10.17-22

Jesus said, 'Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 36

Post-Communion Hymn: Good King Wenceslas (*see separate sheet*)

Voluntary: Marche - Sortie (*Théodore Dubois*)