

**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

(18th December 2022)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 15.00 Derbyshire Freemasons'
Carol Service
- 18.30 Sung Compline

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 19th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Hady School Carol Concert*
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 20th December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 21st December

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

Thursday 22nd December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 23rd December

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 24th December

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

**Public access may be limited*



ADVENT IV

CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 11
Setting: Harris in F

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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

Gradual Hymn: 8

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint 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: 15

Communion Motet: Gabriel’s Message (*Edgar Pettmann*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 9

Voluntary: Fugue in C BWV547
(*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

SUNG COMPLINE

Special Service Sheet

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 18th December - Advent IV

- Benefice of Killamarsh and Renishaw
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Korea
- ✦ *Sandra McKeown*

Monday 19th December

- Benefice of All Saints Kirk Hallam
- ◇ Oke-Ogun - The Church of Nigeria

Tuesday 20th December

- Benefice of Holy Trinity Kirk Ireton
- ◇ Oke-Osun - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Heather Lacey*

Wednesday 21st December

- Benefice of Kirk Langley, Mackworth, Mugginton and Kedleston
- ◇ Okigwe - The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 22nd December

- Benefice of St Peter Littleover
- ◇ Okigwe North - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *George Insley; Peggy Wood*

Friday 23rd December

- Homeless people, refugees and asylum seekers
- ◇ Okigwe South - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Martha Asquith*

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- All who come to worship this Christmas, that they may encounter living Christ
- ◇ Okinawa - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ *Marjorie Yarnold; Michael Mann*

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

Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Michael Catton; Jean Madin; Kenneth Hughes; Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Tessa Mackenzie; Susan Barber; Judith Dixon; Christopher Cain; Greg McGhie; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton

✦ *Digby Dixon, RIP*

Church 'Post Box'

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

Visitor Opening Times

From Monday 26th to Friday 31st December, and on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd January, 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 Wednesday 4th January.

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Next Sunday - 25th December - Christmas Day

10.30 Choral Mass & Procession
Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4
John 1.1-14

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