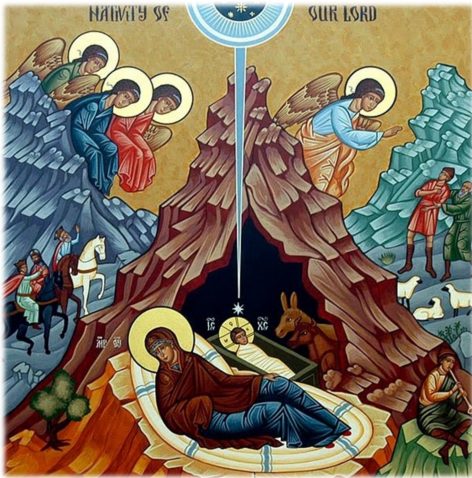


Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints



The Gift of God's Grace

Gifts of one sort or another will be exchanged in vast numbers today. Will you get something you need? Or something you really wanted? Or a pair of odd socks, handkerchiefs, or something selected for people who already have everything they need?

Material gifts are desperately needed by many in this world – presents given out of love but required to save life or restore peace and civilisation. And then there are the spiritual gifts...

Material poverty and lack of peace are issues the whole world still needs to come to grips with, even 2000 years after the coming of the Prince of Peace. Spiritual poverty, however, exists in all of us, especially those of us who are most comfortable.

When ever Christ comes, it is always with a spiritual gift. Reveal to him what you need this Christmas, and you may even get it!

And if you're able at the same time to relieve the material needs of even one of his children, then that of all things would rejoice his heart!

CHRISTMAS DAY (25th December 2022)

10.30 Choral Mass & Procession

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 26th December
12.15 Mass

Tuesday 27th December
12.15 Mass

Wednesday 28th December
12.15 Mass

Thursday 29th December
12.15 Mass

Friday 30th December
12.15 Mass

Saturday 31st December
12.15 Mass

Next Sunday - 1st January - The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Numbers 6.22-end
Luke 2.15-21



CHRISTMAS DAY

CHORAL MASS & PROCESSION

Processional Hymn: 24

Setting: Nicholson in G

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: 39

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint 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: Ding! Dong! Merrily on high
(arr Charles Wood)

Away in a Manger
(arr David Wilcocks)

Post-Communion Hymn: 26

Voluntary: Toccata in G major from
Douze pièces pour orgue
(Théodore Dubois)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 25th December - Christmas Day

- Making room in our hearts for the gift of Jesus
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ✦ *Mary Leech; Gertrude Weir; Alistair May*

Monday 26th December - Stephen

- Those in hospital and for NHS staff
- ◇ Oklahoma - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Michele de Angelis*

Tuesday 27th December - John

- Benefice of St John's Long Eaton
- ◇ Okrika - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Kenneth Cotter; Harry Hague; Enid Short;*
Dennis King, Priest

Wednesday 28th December - The Holy Innocents

- Benefice of St Laurence Long Eaton
- ◇ Oleh - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Arthur Crofts; Martha Bullous; Beryl Thompson*

Thursday 29th December - Thomas Becket

- Benefice of St Luke's Loscoe
- ◇ Olo - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Jenny Turner; Marian Chaplin; Ivor Maltby;*
Vera James; Wilfred Smith

Friday 30th December

- St Francis Mackworth
- ◇ Olympia - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Albert Hatton; Vera Costigan; Peggy Rose*

Saturday 31st December - John Wycliff

- God's love and strength to walk faithfully into the
New Year
- ◇ Omu-Aran - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Sheila Hearnshaw; Doris Allan*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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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; Ambrose Mason
✦ *Digby Dixon, RIP; Keith Fawthrop 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 re-open for normal
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on Wednesday 4th January.

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