

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

Keeing Promises

Jesus is conceived as a result of an exchange of promises. Not contract-style promises, but the trust that God will keep his word, and that Mary will maintain her 'Yes' to God as her child grows in her womb and beyond.

Promises and commitment tend to be seen as less formally binding today than they may have been in earlier times, even though there has been plenty of informal bending of promises throughout history.

Our promise to put God and his work first in our lives is the basis of God's hopes for the world of today. This may be a time when busy commitments compete with each other, but we should remember that the salvation of today's world depends in a great measure on how we keep our promises to God.

**Advent IV - Christmas Eve
(24th December 2023)**

- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Morning Mass (said)
- 15.00 Crib Service
- 19.15 Nine Lessons & Carols
- 23.30 Midnight Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 25th December

10.30 Procession &
Solemn Choral Mass

Tuesday 26th December

12.15 Mass

Wednesday 27th December

12.15 Mass

Thursday 28th December

12.15 Mass

Friday 29th December

12.15 Mass

Saturday 30th December

12.15 Mass

**Please respect those who wish to
prepare for Mass in quiet prayer.**



ADVENT IV / CHRISTMAS EVE - SAID MORNING MASS

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 16.25-end

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

CRIB SERVICE

(Separate Order of Service)

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

(Separate Order of Service)

MIDNIGHT MASS

(Separate Order of Service)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 24th December - Advent IV/Christmas Eve

- All who will join in acts of worship today
- ◇ The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- ✦ Marjorie Yarnold; Michael Mann

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

- Thanks for God's only Son as our Saviour
- ◇ Birmingham - The Church of England
- ✦ Mary Leech; Gertrude Weir; Alastair May

Tuesday 26th December - Stephen

- That families be met at their point of need
- ◇ Blackburn - The Church of England
- ✦ Michele de Angelis

Wednesday 27th December - John

- Benefice of Buxton, Burbage & King Sterndale
- ◇ Bo - The Church of the Province of West Africa
- ✦ Kenneth Cotter; Harry Hague; Enid Short;

Dennis King, priest

Thursday 28th December - The Holy Innocents

- Benefice of Calow & Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton
- ◇ Boga - The Anglican Church of the Congo
- ✦ Arthur Crofts; Martha Bullous; Beryl Thompson

Friday 29th December - Thomas Becket

- All those away from home & missing loved ones
- ◇ Bolivia - The Anglican Church of South America
- ✦ Jenny Turner; Marian Chaplin; Ivor Maltby;

Vera James; Wilfred Smith

Saturday 30th December

- Those we have loved and lost, and the bereaved.
- ◇ Bondo - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ Albert Hatton; Vera Costigan; Peggy Rose

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

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Colin McKenna

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John
Robinson; Jean Madin; Valerie Alice
Seeney; Colin Hutson; Christopher Cain;
Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose
Mason; Paul Bates; John Lockwood; Ian
Bennett; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Terry
Bell; Iain Bushe; Jane Bushe; Fiona
Solberg; Marian Mathews; Barbara
Carter; Jack
Robert Prescott, priest, RIP

Church 'Post Box'

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

Visitor Opening Times

From Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th
December, and on Tuesday 2nd and
Wednesday 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

The shop will be open today, Sunday
24th December, from 12 noon until 4pm
and will then close until Thursday 4th
January 2024.

Next Sunday - 31st December - Christmas I

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

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