

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

**A Prayer for the Fourth Week of  
Advent**

Bring peace, O Lord,  
in our dark world of prejudice and sin.  
In Jesus you united  
earth and heaven,  
in an eternal bond  
that cannot be broken.

Teach us to live united  
in the love and light of  
Jesus your Son,  
who is alive, and reigns  
with you, Father,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**Amen.**



**ADVENT IV  
(22nd December 2024)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)  
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)  
10.30 Choral Mass  
18.30 Choral Evensong

**THIS WEEK:**

***Monday 23rd December***

12.15 Mass

***Tuesday 24th December***

09.30 Mass

15.00 Crib Service

19.15 Nine Lessons & Carols

23.30 Midnight Mass

***Wednesday 25th December***

10.30 Procession & Choral Mass

***Thursday 26th December***

12.15 Mass

***Friday 27th December***

12.15 Mass

***Saturday 28th December***

12.15 Mass

**VISITING HOURS**

ON MONDAY & TUESDAY THE CHURCH WILL  
BE OPEN FROM 09.00 TO 16.00 AS USUAL;  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY THE  
CHURCH WILL **ONLY** BE OPEN FOR MASS;  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY THE CHURCH WILL BE  
OPEN FROM 10.00 TO 14.00 FOR PRIVATE  
PRAYER AND VISITING.

**Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer;  
also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.**

**ADVENT IV**  
**CHORAL MASS**

Processional Hymn: 14

Setting: *Collegium Regale* (Herbert Howells)

**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 Micah**

**Micah 5.2-5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Gradual Hymn: 13

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to 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: 50

Communion Motet: There is no Rose (John Joubert)

Post-Communion Hymn: 3 (*t.i*)

Voluntary: Rhapsody no. 3 in C sharp minor  
(Herbert Howells)

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### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Advent Prose (REH636)

Responses: Smith

Psalm(s): 123 & 131

First Lesson: Isaiah 10.33-11.10

Office Hymn: 12

Canticles: Morley *Fauxbourdons*

Second Lesson: Matthew 1.18-end

Anthem: O Mortal Man (Herbert Howells)

Hymn: 16

Voluntary: Rhapsody no. 1 in Db (Herbert Howells)

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### Today 22nd December - Advent IV

- May those who attend worship be touched by the message of love and goodwill

◇ The Church of the Province of Uganda

✦ *George Insley; Peggy Wood*

### Monday 23rd December

- For those fleeing their homes and seeking asylum

◇ Kubwa - The Church of Nigeria

✦ *Martha Asquith*

### Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- For the homeless and the charities caring for them

◇ Kuching - The Church of South East Asia

✦ *Marjorie Yarnold; Michael Mann; Bruce Whiston*

### Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

- For all children and children's charities

◇ Kumasi - The Church of West Africa

✦ *Mary Leech; Gertrude Weir; Alistair May*

### Thursday 26th December - Stephen

- For the work of the Trussell Trust and food banks

◇ Kumi - The Church of Uganda

✦ *Michele de Angelis*

### Friday 27th December - John, Apostle & Evangelist

- Parish of St John's Newbold with Dunston

◇ Kurunegala - The Church of Ceylon

✦ *Kenneth Cotter; Harry Hague; Enid Short;*

*Dennis King, priest*

### Saturday 28th December - The Holy Innocents

- For victims of war, violence, oppression & injustice

◇ Kushtia - The Church of Bangladesh

✦ *Arthur Crofts; Martha Bullous; Beryl Thompson;*

*Brian Orwin*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer

✦ Year's Mind

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(a duty priest is available 24/7)

**Parish Reader:** John Gascoyne

**Churchwardens:** John Hague

Colin McKenna

**Organist & Choirmaster:**

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## Our prayers have been asked for:

Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Jane Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Barbara Carter; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Roxanne; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Becky; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; Laurence Atkinson; David McGhie; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin

✦ *Rev'd Linda Dean, RIP*

## Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

Christmas pedestals are available for sponsorship of £40. Contact Dorothy Turner on 07974 829350.

## Church 'Post Box'

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

## Christmas Eve Crib Service, 24th December

Children aged 6-11 are very welcome to join in singing some carols at the Crib service at 3pm. Practice & refreshments from 1pm.

## Visitor Opening Times

Between Christmas and 4th January, the church will be open to visitors from 10.00am to 2.00pm **except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, when it will only be open for Mass.**

Many thanks to those who have volunteered as Stewards during this period.

## Gift Shop

The final shopping day of 2024 will be Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 10am - 4pm. The Shop will then close until 10am on Monday 6th January 2025.

## Next Sunday - 29th December - Christmas I

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26  
Luke 2.41-end

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