

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

What It's All About

Especially when the excess becomes too much—too much food; too many people; too much TV—it's only too easy to get grumpy and self-centred at this time of year.

The God we worship is revealed to be anything other than self-centred. Why else would God bother to share our frailty and sinfulness; why else would God have anything to do with the nastiness of life in Bethlehem, or anywhere else for that matter?

The least we can do in return is to dedicate ourselves to the needs of others, and we can start at this time of year by thinking of other people's feelings, supporting people who are in any kind of need—in short, behaving the way God has behaved toward us.

***May we all rediscover in this season
the joy of living for other people—***



African Proverb: Be patient.
In time an egg will walk.

***and help
this world to
be a saner
(and holier)
place!***

CHRISTMAS I (29th December 2024)

10.30 Sung Mass

THIS WEEK:

Monday 30th December

12.15 Mass

Tuesday 31st December

12.15 Mass

Wednesday 1st January

12.15 Mass

Thursday 2nd January

12.15 Mass

Friday 3rd January

12.15 Mass

Saturday 4th January

12.15 Mass

VISITING HOURS

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEDNESDAY,
THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.00
TO 14.00 FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND
VISITING.

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE CHURCH WILL
ONLY BE OPEN FOR MASS.

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

CHRISTMAS I

SUNG MASS

Processional Hymn: 51

Setting: Merbecke

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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 Samuel

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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

Gradual Hymn: 47

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 2.41-end

Every year Jesus's parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 52

Post-Communion Hymn: 39

Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G minor BWV558
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 29th December - Christmas I

- Church growth through the power of the Holy Spirit
- ◇ The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Jenny Turner; Marian Chaplin; Ivor Maltby; Vera James; Wilfred Smith; June Parkinson*

Monday 30th December

- Parish of St John's, Walton and St Peter's, Holymoorside
- ◇ Kutgi - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Albert Hatton; Vera Costigan; Peggy Rose*

Tuesday 31st December - John Wyclif

- Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Brimington
- ◇ Kwara - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Sheila Hearnshaw; Doris Allan*

Wednesday 1st January - Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

- The Diocesan Vision and Strategy
- ◇ Kwoi - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Ethel Ecclestone*

Thursday 2nd January - Basil the Great; Gregory of Nazianzus; Seraphim; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah

- Archdeacons Nicky Fenton, Karen Hamblin, and Matthew Trick
- ◇ Kyoto - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Friday 3rd January

- The Derby Diocesan Finance Department
- ◇ Kyushu - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ *Constance Walton; Brian Pick; Ray Addison*

Saturday 4th January

- The Derby Diocesan Communications Team
- ◇ Lafia - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Clarice King*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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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; 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*

✦ *Peter Cordell, RIP*

Church 'Post Box'

Don't forget to collect any remaining
Christmas Cards from the back of the church.

Visitor Opening Times

Between now and 4th January, the church
will be open to visitors from 10.00am to
2.00pm **except on 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 Shop will reopen on Monday 6th January
2025. Normal times: Monday-Saturday,
10am - 4pm.

Next Sunday - 5th January - Epiphany Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6
Matthew 2.1-12

18.30 Choral Evensong & Procession
Readings: Psalms 98 & 100
Isaiah 60.1-9
John 2.1-11

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