

**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 (21st December 2025)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

18.30 Sung Compline

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Mass 12.15

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY 24th December

Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

Crib Service 15.00

Nine Lessons & Carols 19.15

Midnight Mass 23.30

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

Festive Choral Mass 10.30

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Mass 12.15

SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Mass 12.15

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

VISITING HOURS

ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
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.

ON 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: *Missa de Angelis*

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn: 25

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to 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: 24

Communion Motet: There is no rose (John Joubert)

Post-Communion Hymn: 16

Voluntary: Postlude (John Naylor)

SUNG COMPLINE

Separate Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 21st December - Advent IV

- Peace and goodwill for all
- ✦ The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ✦ *Keith Fawthrop*

Monday 22nd December

- Embracing God's presence in the world
- ✦ Santiago (Chile) - The Anglican Church of Chile
- ✦ *George Insley; Peggy Wood*

Tuesday 23rd December

- The justice of God's Kingdom
- ✦ Santiago (Philippines) - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- ✦ *Martha Asquith*

Wednesday 24th December

- Being the Church of the Lord
- ✦ São Paulo - Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil
- ✦ *Marjorie Yarnold; Michael Mann; Bruce Whiston; David Wastie, priest*

Thursday 25th December

- God alive in us
- ✦ Sapele - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Mary Leech; Gertrude Weir; Alistair May*

Friday 26th December - Stephen

- Parishes of St Barnabas, New Whittington and St Bartholomew, Old Whittington
- ✦ Saskatchewan - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Michele de Angelis*

Saturday 27th December - John, Apostle & Evangelist

- Parish of St John, Newbold with Dunston
- ✦ Saskatoon - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Kenneth Cotter; Harry Hague; Enid Short; Dennis King, priest*

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

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Lisa; Linda Weston; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Dorothy Crawshaw
✦ *Leo Shirley*
✦ *Martin Davies*

From Fr Patrick

Thanks to all who have sent Christmas cards with thoughts and prayers. I have tried each year to send individual cards, but I find this year that I have run out of time to do so. I am leaving a big card in the Narthex to you all with my own thanks and prayers for all you have been in the past year, and all that you do to witness to the love of Christ and to his Kingdom in the world.

Christmas Flower Arrangement Pedestals

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

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 shop will close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and reopen at 10am on Monday 5th January 2026. Many thanks to all our customers and wonderful volunteers.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Grateful thanks also to those using the Gift Aid Scheme to increase the value of their donations. Please bear in mind, though, that the scheme is aimed only at UK tax payers, and that the Gift Aid Envelopes need to carry your name and address to be effective. Non gift-aided donations are gratefully received on the offertory plate or in one of the collecting boxes.

Next Sunday - 28th December - The Holy Innocents

10.30 Sung Mass
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.26-29
Matthew 2.13-18

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