

This Week

Wednesday 25th December 2024
10 am – Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

The World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East.

The Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Mathew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

The Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.

The street of our Parish – the residents of Peels Avenue, Lathom Hall Avenue.

The Sick

Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies
Geoff & Hazel Gee, Jake, Richard Makinson and any one close to our own hearts.

The Anniversary of Death

Hilda Fort, Thomas Farrimond, Maureen Langley, Albert Dobson, Eva Bardsley, Lilian Southern.

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits after the 9.30 service in the Church Hall.

St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 22nd December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am. - Holy Communion

9.30 am. - Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

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| Processional | 2 | A great & mighty wonder |
| First Reading | | Micah 5.2-5a |
| Second Reading | | Hebrews 10.5-10 |
| Gradual | 784 | Virgin-born, we bow before thee |
| Gospel Reading | | Luke 1.39-45, 46-55 |
| Offertory | 700 | The angel Gabriel from heaven came |
| Communion | 723 | The Lord's my shepherd |
| Communion | 194 | For Mary, mother of our Lord |
| Final | 559 | O little town of Bethlehem |

Collect

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.



Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.

Notices

December Services

Christingle Service – Tuesday 24th December 6.00pm
Midnight Communion – St Thomas Leesfield 11.30pm
Christmas Day – 10am Communion.

Poinsettia

Thank you to those who have donated towards the cost of the poinsettias decorating the Church. The donations were made in memory of:

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| Hetty & George Jones | Wilfred & Vera Topping |
| Henry Ballantyne | Frederick William & Alice Owen |
| Sal & Joe Hibbert | Alice Owen |
| Fred & Margaret Thorpe | Annie Amelia, Henry & Harry Owen |
| Collette Gartland | Lily Buckley |
| David Owen | David Green |
| Betty Heap | Eric Oates |
| Rob, Tom & Alice, Alan | Tom Cooper |
| Stuart Hurdus | Hilda Cooper |
| Joan Casey | Alan Cooper |
| Alma Kershaw | Karlis & Zenta Borznieks |
| Eileen Kinder | Nikola D'Adamo |
| Tony Reed | Mavis & Roger Farrand |
| Shirley Williamson | |
| Lesley Winterbottom | |

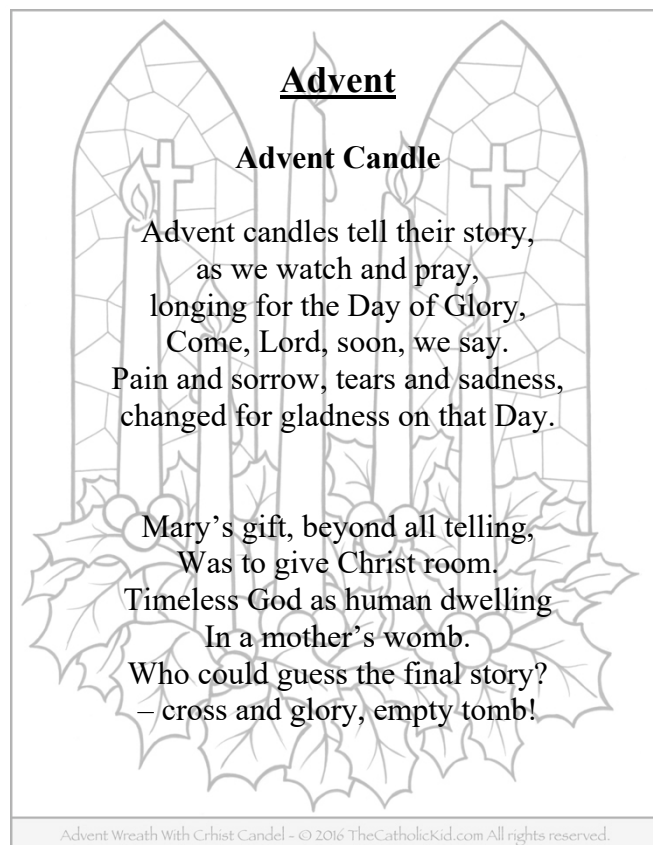
Christmas Day Service Readings & Hymns

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| Processional | 107 | Christians awake! <i>Versus 1, 5 & 6</i> |
| First Reading | | Isaiah 9.2-7 |
| Second Reading | | Titus 2.11-14 |
| Gradual | 2 | A great and mighty wonder |
| Gospel Reading | | Luke 2.1-14 [15-20] |
| Offertory | 592 | Once in royal David's city |
| Communion | 59 | Away in a manger |
| Communion | 658 | Silent night, holy night |
| Final | 289 | Hark, the herald-angels sing |

A Prayer for Peace this Advent

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world, the hope of the nations, and the peace of those who turn to you. As we prepare to celebrate your birth at Christmas, shine your light into our lives, bring healing to your world, and let peace break out in every heart and home. May our hearts be filled with your love and our mouths filled with the song of heaven: Glory be to you, our King, and peace to all people on the earth!

Amen



*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"
- Isaiah 43:18-19a, NIV*