

23rd & 30th December 4th Sunday of Advent 1st Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion

Presiding: Mike Branscombe
Preaching: Charleen Hollington
Intercessor: Richard Hollington
Reader: Jenny Vickers

10am Parish Communion with Christingle

Presiding: Mike Branscombe
Preaching: Charleen Hollington
Intercessor: David Tipping
Readers: Dave Greenwood and
Michael Elson

6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Presiding: Mike Branscombe

9pm Advent Compline

Presiding: Mike Branscombe

Friday 28th December

10:30 Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching:
Charleen Hollington

Welcome to St Andrew's!

If this is the first time you are joining us please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or someone with a name badge. If you would like more information on anything at St Andrew's please leave your details on the welcome card on the desk. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We have an audio loop in the church and large print versions of our service booklet are available. Please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. There is a WC in the corner of the church, just past the organ. We hope you enjoy the service.

Kid's Church is a time of teaching, fun and worship for children and young people. We have activities available for children from the age of 2 to 13 and up. Please enter through the main door of Church Gate House. Children join their families to worship together for the last part of the service.

At the back of the Church there is an activity space for very small children.

REFRESHMENTS Tea & Coffee will be served after the 10am family service in Church Gate House by Carrie Taylor and Sally Donn. Please do join us.



The Clergy & staff team at St Andrew's wish everyone
a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Service Booklets:

23rd

8am & 10am:

Advent Booklet
Eucharistic Prayer E

30th

Christmas Booklet
Eucharistic Prayer E

Readings:

23rd Dec. 8am & 10am:

Micah 5:2-5a (OT 899)

Hebrews 10:5-10

(NT 239)

Luke 1:39-45 (NT 61)

30th Dec. 8am & 10am:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

(OT 259)

Colossians 3:12-17

(NT 216)

Luke 2:41-end (NT 63)

Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

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.
Amen.

This week's prayers and readings:

Praying For:

- Mike, Charleen, Peter, Esther and Moni as they lead our services on the Sundays around Christmas. Pray that God will speak to us through their words as we worship together.
- Those reading, leading the prayers, playing and singing during our Worship.
- Everyone involved in Kid's Church on the 23rd.

Pastoral/Church

- The Bradley Family as Liz and Greg celebrate their 10th Wedding anniversary and renew their vows.
- The bereaved family and friends of John Bonny, Margaret Horne and Harold Blake.
- For the Choir and Musicians as they prepare for the Nine Lessons & Carols service on the 23rd.
- Plans and preparations for the Crib service on Christmas Eve.
- Those in our congregation who are ill, facing treatment, recovering from an operation or who are lonely.
- For Judith Robinson as she recovers from her operation.
- That our Follow the Star postcards encourage people to join us at St Andrew's for our Christmas Services.
- That the invitations to the Christmas Lunch are finding their way to the people we need to reach.
- Give thanks for the fun and fellowship at the Kid's Party on Saturday.
- Everyone whose travel plans have been disrupted by the drone problem at Gatwick Airport
- For those in countries not able to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Collect for 1st Sunday of Christmas

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

This week's notices:

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH we will again be hosting a Christmas Day Lunch for those in need or who be would on their own on Christmas Day. Do you know anyone who will be on their own on Christmas day that would like an invitation?

GREETERS AND SIDESPEOPLE are still needed for the following service:-

10am Christmas Day Family Service

If you can help please see or contact Judy Brickett on 01932 867427.

THE FOOD BANK would be most grateful for donations of: tinned meat, pasta sauce, UHT/long Life Juice (x 1L), ketchup, custard (tins or cartons, tinned potatoes, rice pudding (tins) sugar (small pack 500g), biscuits, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes and cat & dog food.

JUDITH ROBINSON Judith and David would like to thank everyone for their cards, best wishes and prayers for Judith's surgery. She is now at home recovering, and not allowed to do any housework for another three weeks!

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Noon on Christmas Eve until Thursday 3rd January.

KIDS CHURCH will not be running on the 30th January.

PASTORAL SCHEME. Details of the proposed pastoral scheme, ie the splitting of the parishes of St Andrew's and St Mary's, are now on the notice board in the church porch. Anyone who wishes to make representations for or against the proposed scheme should do so by 9 January 2019.

Sunday 6th January – Epiphany

8am Holy Communion Presiding & Preaching : Peter Vickers	10am Family Service Leading: Esther Holley Talking: MonI Babatunde	6pm Evensong @ St Mary's Presiding: Godfrey Hilliard
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Upcoming Events

Monday 24 th Christmas Eve	5pm 11pm	Crib Service – A Well Good Story First Communion of Christmas
Tuesday 25 th Christmas Day	8am 10am 1pm	Holy Communion Family Service – A Gift for Him Christmas Lunch
Friday 28 th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
Thursday 3 rd January	9am	Parish Office opens again
Friday 4 th January	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Family Service - Epiphany
Tuesday 8 th	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 9 th	9am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Baby Talk
Friday 11 th	10:30am 12 noon	Holy Communion Parish Lunch
Sunday 13 th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
Tuesday 15 th	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 16 th	9am 10:30am 7pm	Morning Prayer Baby Talk Spiritual Cinema – <i>Kings of Pastry</i>

