

Forthcoming Services

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service

6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Day

10am Family Communion

Sunday 29th December

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

6.30pm Christmas Praise

celebrating Christmas Carols

Sunday 5th January

10am Holy Communion (CW)

United Benefice Services

29th December 2019

St. Mary Rostherne

10.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Little Bollington

9am Morning Worship

St. Paul's Over Tabley

No service

Intercessory Prayer

Please inform the church wardens or a member of the ministry team if you would like to add anyone to the weekly intercessions or to receive communion at home

The books in the Church Room are on the move!
They will be removed at the end of December so if you would like any of them, please help yourself!

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Wel come to
ST. JOHN'S High Legh
Sunday 22nd December 2019

10am Choral Communion (CW)

Readings

Romans 1. 1 - 7

Matthew 1. 18 - end

Today's Collect:

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 forever. Amen

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St John's Prayers for this week

Please pray for:

Tom, Keith, Margaret, Pat, Anna, Eleanor, Brian, Chris and Jean the residents of Broadheys Lane and Woodlands Crescent and for Mothers' Union

Sunday

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

Luke 1:46-55

Monday - A Prayer to Keep Christmas Simple

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen. *Melanie Chitwood, christmasday.org*

Tuesday – Christmas Eve

Child of Bethlehem, smile upon all who are troubled, anxious or sick in mind, body or spirit and for those who love and care for them. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for anyone known to us who is in special need of our prayers today. Amen (*thisischurch.com*)

Wednesday – Christmas Day

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to

our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (*Robert Louis Stevenson*)

Thursday

Holy Jesus, by being born one of us, and lying humbly in a manger, you show how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, until we reach our home in heaven, and see you on your throne of glory. Amen. (*CofE Prayers for Christmas*)

Friday

Loving Jesus, you were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels. Be with all who are lonely, and with all who feel distant from celebrations. Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts. Jesus, as you healed the sick, bring healing to those in our families who are ill today. Jesus, Lord of love, in your mercy, hear us. Amen. (*CofE Prayers for Christmas*)

Saturday

Shout for joy the whole earth, and everything within. Rejoice! For Light has come into the world.

The mountains sing, the seas resound to the praise of your name. Salvation once promised is here on earth.

The angels' song rings in the air, a child has been born. Hallelujah! The Saviour of the world is here. (https://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Christmas)