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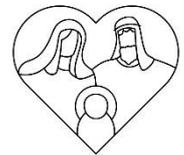
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Please note that following the government announcement this week, the wearing of a **face-covering** is now required by law in all places of worship for anyone aged 12 or over, unless there is a reason for exemption.

All our services and meetings remain under review and may need to be changed at short notice.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

At the heart of Christmas



- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
- 9.30am Carols & Readings at St John's**
- 11.00am Christingle at Christ Church**
- 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Christ Church**

Please note that our carol services will have fewer carols than usual to reduce risk

**Meetings and services this week**

Wed 22nd 10.00am Funeral of John Murrant (St John's)

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Family Carol Service at Christ Church</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Family Carol Service at St John's</b>
	<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight Communion at Christ Church</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Communion at St John's</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Communion at Christ Church</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St John's</b>
No Boxing Day service at Christ Church		

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Thank you to all who gave Christmas gifts for The Roberts Centre, All Saints Hostel, and The Grange.

**FOOD BANKS**

Items for the PO9 food bank can be left in the box by the font at St John's.  
Items for the Waterlooville food bank can be left in the purple buckets at the back of Christ Church.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

This month's Mission of the Month is Children's Society. Collection Candles for the Christingle service will be available at Christ Church on Sunday. Alternatively you can give online at <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

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## **Sunday 19 December 2021**

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.

### **Micah 5.2–5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 80.1–8**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock;  
2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
3 Stir up your mighty strength  
and come to our salvation.  
4 Turn us again, O God;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
5 O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?  
6 You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to drink.  
7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
8 Turn us again, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **Hebrews 10.5–10**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Luke 1.39–45**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **Post Communion**

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.  
Amen.