

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday 21st December</b>	1.30pm—4.00pm	<i>Holiday Club at Larchfield Community Centre</i>
<b>Wednesday 23rd 10.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> with refreshments Celebrant: Fr Jeremy	
<b>Thursday 24th</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b> <b>Midnight Mass of the Nativity</b> Celebrant: Fr Neil Preacher: Fr Jeremy
<b>Friday 25th</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Neil <b>Family Eucharist for Christmas Day</b> Celebrant: Fr Neil Preacher: <b>Fr Jeremy</b>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> <b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy Crèche

**Treasurer, Book Keeping and Stewardship recording.** Peter and Lynn May will shortly be stepping down from the roles of All Saints Treasurer and Book-keeper/ Stewardship recorder respectively. As we move ahead into the New Year we are looking at the best way of ensuring these vital activities are provided to All Saints – there is an opportunity for people in our congregation to consider these roles, which could be combined, or, as at the moment, be managed separately.

**The Treasurer** role is responsible for the financial management of the Church, controlling finances, making payments and reporting to the PCC. The Treasurer is also normally a member of the Standing Committee.

**The Book-keeper/Stewardship recording** role is responsible for maintaining all entries in the computerised church accounting system along with the computerised Donations Manager system, reconciling bank accounts, producing gift aid reclaims and running standard reports. If you feel that you could offer either, or both, of these roles please speak to one of the Church Wardens, or Father Jeremy for further information and estimated time commitment. Induction training and full handover support will be given by Peter and Lynn.  
**Rod Broad**

### PARISH OFFICE (next to Church)

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**Open** Tuesday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm

### Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL Sunday 20th December 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Please take this pew sheet home with you to look at the readings,  
and to remind you of the events taking place.*

*The Bible references are for the Bibles to be found at the back of Church, which you are welcome to use*

**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** Collect and NT Reading as below.  
Gospel: Luke 1: 39 - 55 (NT p 61) **Celebrant:** Fr Neil **Preacher:** Elizabeth Bryson

**10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST & CHRISTINGLE WORSHIP FOR ALL**  
**Service:** Christingle & The Parish Eucharist **Hymns:** Celebration Hymnal  
**Celebrant:** Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude Es ist ein Ros entsprungen *J Brahms*

### Opening Hymn

**1. It's rounded like an orange,**  
this earth on which we stand ;  
and we praise the God who holds it  
in the hollow of his hand.

3. The ribbon round the orange  
reminds us of the cost ;  
how the Shepherd, strong and gentle,  
gave his life to save the lost.

*So, Father, we would thank you  
for all that you have done,  
and for all that you have given us  
through the coming of your Son.*

4. Four seasons with their harvest  
supply the food we need,  
and the Spirit gives a harvest  
that can make us rich indeed.

2. A candle, burning brightly,  
can cheer the darkest night,  
and these candles tell how Jesus  
came to bring a dark world light.

5. We come with our Christingles  
to tell of Jesus' birth,  
and we praise the God who blessed us  
by his coming to this earth.  
*Basil Bridge (b. 1927)*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mary's gift beyond all telling  
we recall today :  
Son of God within her dwelling,  
born to show the way.  
Who could guess the final story ?  
— cross and glory ; Easter Day *Mark Earey (b. 1965)*

### 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.  
**Amen**

O T READING Micah 5: 2 — 5a (OT p 899 *Annabel Dahlbom*)

## Gradual Hymn

### 1. I want to serve the purpose of God in my generation.

I want to serve the purpose of God while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

Oh I delight, I delight to do your will.

*What is on your heart? Tell me what to do; Let me know your will and I will follow you. What is on your heart? Tell me what to do; Let me know your will and I will follow you.*

2. I want to build with silver and gold in my generation.

I want to build with silver and gold while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

Oh I delight, I delight to do your will.

3. I want to see the kingdom of God in my generation.

I want to see the kingdom of God while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

Oh I delight, I delight to do your will.

4. I want to see the Lord come again in my generation.

I want to see the Lord come again while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

Oh I delight, I delight to do your will.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39—45

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

## Sermon

Elizabeth Bryson

## BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHRISTINGLES

## Intercessions

led by *Nicola Dunford*

## Offertory Hymn

**57 Daily, daily, sing to Mary**

## Communion Hymn

1. Sing of a girl in the ripening wheat, flowers in her hand, the sun in her hair.

All the world will run to her feet for the child that mother will bear.

2. Sing of a girl that the angels surround, dust in her hand, and straw in her hair.

Kings and their crowns will fall to the ground before the child that mother will bear.

3. Sing of a girl on a hillside alone, blood on her hand, and grey in her hair.

Sing of a boy, broken and torn. Oh, the child that mother will bear.

4. Sing of a girl a new man will meet, Hand in his hand, the wind in her hair.

Joy will rise as golden as wheat with the child that mother will bear.

5. Sing of a girl in a circle of love, fire on her head, the light in her hair.

Sing of the hearts the Spirit will move to love the child that mother will bear.

6. Sing of a girl who will never grow old,

joy in her eyes and gold in her hair,

Through the ages men will be told

of the child that mother will bear.

*Damian Lundy*

## Closing Hymn

**768 Lord, the light of your love is shining**

Organ Postlude      Tuba Tune      *C S Lang*

Refreshments will be served thanks to the Kirk Family

**6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols** followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the Parish Centre

**Christingle** There will be a retiring collection for The Children's Society after both Services this morning. Please put your gift in one of the boxes at the back of the Church.

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## *Father Jeremy's Notes*

**Thank you** to all those who made **Christingles** for today's service.

*Fr Jeremy, Fr Neil, Elizabeth and our Wardens, Rod & Stella, wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas*

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## *Other Notices*

### NEWS FROM THE FLOWER FAIRIES

**1. Decorating the church for Christmas** We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Wednesday 23rd December** from 10.45am (after the Communion Service) and shall be most grateful for any help you can give us. No experience is needed, we shall be there to help you. Also, we are in need of greenery, particularly holly or variegated colours. Please bring any you have, or are able to acquire from friends and neighbours, to the church by 10.45am or leave it outside the vestry door the day before. Many thanks for your assistance, we look forward to seeing you

**2. FLOWERS FOR 2016** The rota is on the cross aisle table and we shall be grateful if you will add your name to the week you would like to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see, and to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays etc. Sponsoring a week ensures that we are able to have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC Funds of any cost whatsoever. I am sure you are aware of the pleasure the flowers give to everyone and thank you for your support. The Rota has been on the table for a week or so and is already filling up!

**Barbara Bannister and the Flower Fairies**

**Church Running Costs and Planned Giving** - a big thank you to everyone who gives so generously to help support the life and mission of All Saints. Not everyone may be aware that the Church costs around £2,500 per week to run, including ministry, normal buildings and operational costs. Whilst we fortunately receive some rental income that helps offset some of these costs; for the great majority of our income we rely upon regular giving from our congregation. It is very helpful, where possible, for giving to be made in planned way through the bank, which helps planning around a certainty of income. If you feel able to help by either starting, or converting, to planned giving via the bank the forms are available on the table at the back of the Church. As we approach Christmas you might also like to consider making a one-off gift to the Church alongside gifts to your family and friends. Gift Aid envelopes are available to make your gift go further.

**Rod Broad**