

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 20th December 7.30pm PMC Steering Group meet in the Birinus Room

Wednesday 21st 10.00am **Eucharist** followed by refreshments
3.15pm *Service at Larchfield Care Home*

Everyone is welcome to this short service of Carols & Readings. Most of the residents are suffering from dementia but it is wonderful to see them listening and sometimes joining in with familiar hymns, carols, readings and prayers. Please let Fr Jeremy or Jeanette know if you'd like to attend.

Saturday 24th 4.00pm **Crib Service**
Christmas Eve 11.30pm **Midnight Mass of the Nativity**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

Sunday 25th 8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
CHRISTMAS DAY Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

10.00am **Parish Eucharist**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Crèche

Wednesday 28th 10.00am **Eucharist**
The Holy Innocents Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

Sunday 1st January **The Naming of Jesus**
10.00am **Parish Eucharist**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
Speaker: Brian Graves sharing the meaning of a carol

SPACE FOR GOD 2017

Over the last year we have enjoyed the opportunity to worship in quiet, meditative services on Thursday evenings, making "Space for God" in our busy lives. With the dark, cold winter evenings now upon us, these services will now change to a monthly Taizé style of worship and our next service will be at **7.00pm on Thursday 19th January**
Jeanette Lock

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL Sunday 18th December 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please take this pew sheet home with you to look at the readings again, 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 during the service.

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Collect and Readings as below
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

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

Organ Prelude Chanson de Matin *E Elgar*

Opening Hymn 360 **For Mary, Mother of our Lord**

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**

EPISTLE Romans 1: 1 — 7 (NT p 162) *Isabel May*

Gradual 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 1: 18 — 25

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the

Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon/Activity Fr Jeremy

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHRISTINGLES

Shalom, my friends, Shalom, my friends,
Shalom, shalom.
Till we meet again, Till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.

Offertory Hymn

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there
be light.*

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick

Communion Hymn

**1. Like a candle flame, flick'ring in our
darkness,**
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia, comes to save us,
alleluia.*

2. Stars and angels sing, yet the earth
sleeps in shadows;
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?

3. Yet this light shall shine from our lives,
spirit blazing,
As we touch the flame of his holy fire.

Father Jeremy's Notes

*Wishing you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
With our prayers, Fr Jeremy & Monika, Churchwardens Rod and Derek.*

Please note there will be no pewsheets next Sunday (Christmas Day)

Closing Hymn

Earth lies spellbound in darkness, sin's oppressive night

Yet in Bethlehem hope is burning bright
Mysteries are unfolding, but the only sign
Is a manger bed where a baby cries.

Wake up wake up it's Christmas morning

Christ's eternal day is dawning

Angels sing in exultation

Fill the streets with celebration

Now to God on high be glory

To the earth proclaim the story

Ring the bells in jubilation

Tell the news to every nation

Christ has come

Crowding stairways of starlight, choirs of
angels sing

Glory glory to God, in the highest heaven

Peace is stilling the violence, hope is rising
high

God is watching us now through a baby's
eyes

Weakness shatters the pow'rful, meekness
shames the proud

Vain imaginings, come tumbling down

Ancient mercies remembered, hungry satis-
fied

Lowly humble hearts, re lifted high.

Exit Song

Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King

Lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring
Come before His throne to worship and
adore
Enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord

You are my Creator, You are my Deliverer
You are my Redeemer, You are Lord
And You are my Healer, You are my Provid-
er
You are now my Shepherd and my Guide
Jesus, Lord and King, I worship You.
(Repeat x 3)

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church thanks to the Hill & Kirk families

6.00pm NINE LESSONS & CAROLS followed by mulled wine & mince pies

OTHER NOTICES

Sidespeople for Christmas Services

Please see the list at the back of Church to see if help is still needed.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday 23rd December** from about 9.30am 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 9.30am or leave it outside the vestry door the day before. Many thanks for your assistance; we look forward to seeing you.

Flower Fairies Christmas Table Please see our Christmas Table in Church selling decorations and flowery things. Don't forget to have a go at guessing the name of the bear! All proceeds will go to the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

Barbara Bannister and the Flower Fairies.