



# St John the Baptist Hey



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

8am Holy Communion  
9:30am Holy Communion  
3:00pm Nine lessons and Carols

## **Readings and hymns**

<b>Processional</b>	700	The angel Gabriel from heaven came
<i>Old Testament</i>		Micah 5:2-5a
<i>New Testament</i>		Hebrews 10:5-10
<i>Gospel Reading</i>		Luke 1:39-55
<b>Offertory</b>		Still, still, still
<b>Communion</b>	59	Away in a Manger
<b>Final</b>	447	Little Donkey

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## Lighting of the fourth Advent candle

### *The Virgin Mary*

Advent candles tell their story, as we watch and pray, longing for the day of glory, 'come Lord soon', we say. Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness, changed for gladness on that Day.	Mary's gift, beyond all telling, was to give Christ room. Timeless God as human dwelling in a mother's womb. Who could guess the final story? Cross and glory; empty tomb!
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*Tune 40 Angel voices*

### **Collect**

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 greatest salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Covid restrictions**

Face coverings are once again mandatory in the Church for those over 11 years of age, who do not have an exemption. We also ask for face coverings to be kept when singing during the service and when receiving Holy Communion. Due to the fast pace of the current covid situation, Christmas services may change and all changes will be communicated.

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## **This week**

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

10:00am Holy Communion

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

No come and praise service.

## **More information on the Christmas service sheet**

### **Our prayers are asked for:**

#### **World.**

For all who find Christmas a difficult time, may the Christ Child bring His everlasting peace to all who feel anxious and upset.

#### **Diocese**

Bishops David, Mark, and Mark, Area Dean Revd Daniel Ramble, Lay Chair Liz Dent, Archdeacon David Sharples.

#### **Members of our church community**

Jean Smith, Enid Firth, Mary Lawton, and Betty Heap.

#### **Day by Day**

Remembering the anniversary of Doris Lord's passing.

#### **Years mind**

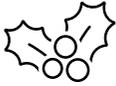
Doris Lord, Margaret Reid, Bill Tunicliffe, Harry Crompton, Jessie Whitaker, Charles Shelmerdine, Hilda Fort, Thomas Farimond, Maureen Langely

### **Short thought**

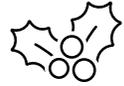
In today's readings we see God carefully, slowly, patiently preparing for the revelation of His Son. When you see Jesus, the end result of God's great plan, it is easy to discount all the steps that it took to get there. The final fulfilment of God's plan involved people saying yes to His steps and ultimately to the yes of Mary being the mother of Jesus. Mary's faith and obedience to God's will is the journey of Advent that we all join in on this final week.

We walk together with the Holy Family on their long walk to Bethlehem. Soon the star of hope will be raised above the stable. We are drawn in to rest our weary feet and breathe in the fresh scent of newborn joy. Each part of our journey to the crib is with God's steps beside us, we are never alone, especially if Christmas feels like a difficult time, the crib is where we are all together.

Please send any notices for the pew sheet each week by Wednesday evening via email to Mthr Amy-Elizabeth.



## Christmas services



### **Nine lessons and carols**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm

### **Christingle**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm

### **Midnight Mass**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30pm

### **Christmas Day Eucharist**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am

### **Boxing day Eucharist**

*Feast of the Holy Family*

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December – no service**