



St John the Baptist Hey



Friday 24th December
Midnight Mass

11:30pm Holy Communion
10:00am Holy Communion (25th December)

Readings and hymns

Processional	592	Once in royal David's city
<i>Old Testament</i>		Isaiah 62:6-end.
<i>New Testament</i>		Titus 3:4-7.
Gradual	534	O come all ye faithful (1,2,6&7)
<i>Gospel Reading</i>		Luke 2:1-20.
Intercessions		
Offertory	363	It came upon the midnight clear
Communion	357	In the bleak mid-winter
	409	Joy to the world
Final	107	Christians awake

Lighting of the final Advent candle

Christmas Day

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.	Advent candles tell their story on this Christmas Day. Those who waited for God's glory: they prepared the way. Christ is with us: loving, giving, in us living here today!
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Tune 40 Angel voices

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our saviour eternal God. Amen.

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, services may change and all changes will be communicated.

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This week

Saturday 25th December

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December

9:30am Holy Communion

No mid-week services

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.

Years mind

Maureen Langley, Albert Dobson, Eva Bardsley, Lilian Southern, Annie Withers.

Short thought

Tonight we gather in the stable with the Holy family and gaze upon God who chose to stoop down and dwell with us. We look upon Him as a sweet newborn baby, all tightly curled and delivered from the warmth of His mother, resting in a manger where the animals that He created gather to see His glory. The stillness of this night is etched in the dark sky, scattered with star-light, and the star that guides all to this very place to witness Emmanuel, God with us. Before the joy and sounds of our Christmas however we are celebrating it, take a moment to be still and soak in the love-light of Jesus who looks upon you with the most precious love. Whatever this Christmas may bring, remember that you are loved and loved so much that God chose to come down and live with us. Feel the deep peace of the Christ child with you today and for always and have the most blessed and merry Christmas.

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