Intercessions

Please email <u>frauke.parrish@gmail.com</u> or phone 01622 756002 to add/remove names of this list.

Please pray for these and their families

Alan Gupwell Carol Winter Pamela Hocking John Coates

Brian & Elizabeth Coleman Jeff Fernett Randell

Ken and Stella Bridges Jane Sadler Jeff & Beryl Foxley Revd Kes Grant Dawn Gamble Jean Williamson John Spencer Winnie Thompson Daphne Holland Jane Wearne Vera Alflatt Kay Kidney Pat Manser Mildred Moss John and Diana Caley Daphne Lee Harry Harbert Audrey Little

The departed and all who mourn their passing

Matthew Hall

Notices

Parish Eucharist followed by Bring and Share Lunch – Sunday 1st January at St Stephen's at 11.00 am. Come and get together. ☺

Thank you - Our churches look wonderful and festive! Thank you to our flower arrangers and all the volunteers who helped so that the Church was ready to be enjoyed by all over the Christmas period.

The Feast of Epiphany Celebration - Everyone is warmly invited following the service to the Vicarage Sunday 8th January from 11.00-2.00pm. Come and get together as a parish for refreshments (savoury and sweet) and chat. ☺

St Philip's Quiz – Saturday 28th January at 7.00pm at St Philips. £5.00pp and proceeds to the Friend's of St Philip's. Please bring your own drinks and Nibbles. ☺

Twelfth Night – A celebration with music for choir and audience, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, Friday 6th January 7.30pm at United Reformed Church Week Street, Free admission – retiring collection.

Deanery Prayer for December – Please see church notice boards.

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25 December 2016 Christmas Day

At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Eucharist begin on page 54 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 10.00am Combined Family Parish Eucharist

Service: Thorne

Please follow our Special Service Sheet

During the Administration the choir will sing Christmas

Carols.

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00am service.

What's on this Week

Tuesday 27 December

10.00 – 12.00pm Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

John the Apostle

12.00pm Said Eucharist at All Saints

Thursday 29 December

Holy Innocents

12.00noon Said Eucharist at All Saints

Sunday 1 January

New Year's Day

9.30am Parish Eucharist Service at All Saints

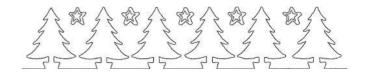
11.00am Parish Eucharist Service at St Philip11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Stephen's followed by

Bring and Share Lunch

Readings for the main Eucharist next week

Isaiah 63: 7-9 Hebrews 2:10-end Matthew 2: 13-end

The Clergy and Wardens wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READING Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders. the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us. a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God. Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually. and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

The word became flesh and dwelled among us and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her

firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,* the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.



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