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# Christmas: So what?

*Father Philip Barnes writes...*

One of the deflating reactions we sometimes get from the teenagers in our families is “so what?” I daresay most of us will have had the experience of enthusiastically imparting what we think of as exciting news or crucial information, and an eyebrow raises, an iPhone is momentarily lowered and a disinterested voice simply replies “so what?”

“So what?” is actually a pretty good theological question, and as you and I move through the season of Advent to the great feast of Christmas, and as we claim and proclaim that the child of Bethlehem, Jesus, is the Son of God, we might well ask “so what?” What difference does that make? It could be said that the birth of Jesus Christ has made not the slightest difference to how the world looks, and that everything appears to be going as it was two thousand years ago. People are still behaving badly towards one another; people still sin; people still fight; nations are still at war with one another; the greedy get greedier; the needy get needier. So what? What difference has Jesus made?

That question lies at the heart of the opening chapter of St John’s Gospel which is read in our churches on Christmas morning. It speaks of the birth of Jesus as the “Word becoming flesh”. The Word, the second person of the Trinity, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit has become a human being, in the only way that you can become a human being, through being born of a woman.

But that passage goes on to unfold for us the ‘so what?’ It says that when Jesus, the Messiah came he was unrecognised by the rulers and religious leaders of his own people. “He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God...” John 1.11,12

Here is no mere pretty story, told year after year, and set aside until Christmas comes around again; rather here is something that challenges us to the very depths of our being. John calls us in the opening of his gospel to ask ourselves: Am I one of those who know Jesus when he comes, or fail to know him? Am I among those who receive him, or those who reject him? Do I believe in his name, and have I entered into my spiritual inheritance as a child of God? Do I witness to the Light I have received, so that all may believe? Have I let the ‘so what’ of Christmas

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This picture was painted by Jeremy Thomas, and is called ‘A Light to Reveal’. Jeremy worships at St Mary’s Abergavenny, where his artwork is displayed. Another piece by Jeremy, ‘By no means last’, can be found in the centre pages. We are grateful to Jeremy for allowing us to reproduce his work. Visit [www.jeremythomasart.co.uk](http://www.jeremythomasart.co.uk) for more information on his work.

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transform my life?

Every figure in the Christmas story had a life-changing decision to make: Joseph, Mary, the inn-keeper, the shepherds, the wise men, Herod the king. Each is challenged by the presence of the Christ-child. No one can look into the manger and respond with a shrug of the shoulders and a dis-interested 'so what?' We are drawn into the story, we are brought face to face with the Christ-child, and we have a decision to make because the world is changed for ever because of God's initiative of becoming flesh in Bethlehem. Through the pages of this edition of Together you'll read how the 'so what?' of Christmas is being lived in communities up and down the land, and all these initiatives begin with the conviction that the Christ-child tells us that God wants us to know him; and he wants us to know that he loves us. So before we begin to communicate the 'so what?' that flows from the manger of Bethlehem we must first grasp in the depths of our own being that we are utterly desirable to God. Do you believe that about yourself?

There's a wonderful idea of the poet John Donne (1572 – 1631) who suggests that if you were the only person in the world there would still have been the incarnation, and Jesus would still have died – if only

for you. He writes:

"Know then, that Christ Jesus hath done enough for the salvation of all; but know too, that if there had been no other name written in the book of life but thine, he would have died for thee." (Sermons IX 16)

We enter into the Christmas season recalling again the self-giving love of God, who desires us and who wants us to be with him and to enjoy him for ever in eternity. We have a purpose and a destiny because of Christmas: the Word has become flesh, God has come to live in the physical world in the real flesh and blood of Jesus. That means that human beings matter and that human bodies matter. There's a basic dignity to each one of us because God raises human life to share in his life, and so respect for human life should be the hallmark of who we are.

Another of the great texts that the Church invites us to think about on Christmas Day is part of a sermon given by Pope St Leo the Great (c. 400 – 461) which appears in the Office of Readings. Filled with joy he reflects on the qualities of the happiness that mark our celebration of the nativity of Christ, and then he says, thrillingly "O Christian, be aware of your nobility – it is God's own nature that you share". The act of God in assuming human flesh has given dignity and

depth to all human life which is now sharing in the 'overflow' of his glory. The 'so what?' of that are the hundreds of night-shelters and food banks, the lunch clubs and after school projects, the rehabilitation programmes and support groups, the refugee centres and environmental initiatives, the myriad of pastoral encounters and patient accompanying of the struggling offered by our churches. At the heart of the Christmas message is the God who takes our material world absolutely seriously, and who uses physical things to communicate with us (above all in the Sacramental life of his Church). We love and serve him through our cherishing of human dignity and as we try to echo his unconditional welcome of us in our actions to others.

Mother Julian of Norwich (1342 – c.1416) spoke of the incarnation as the Lord 'coming down to the lowest part of our need' in self-giving love, so that even the darkness of our trials and tribulations are redeemed and taken into his life. In our following of that pattern of love we live the "so what?" of Christmas, bringing hope and purpose to a world that needs it more than ever.

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# Canonisation of Saint John Henry Newman

On Sunday 13th October in St Peter's Square in Rome, Pope Francis declared John Henry Newman a saint. This was a significant day for both Anglicans and Roman Catholics. For the first half of his life, Newman was an Anglican and he was a leading figure in the Oxford Movement, and we are grateful for his thinking on the Catholicity of the Church of England for the tradition which we share today.

Father Blair Radford, Assistant Curate of St Paul, Monk Bretton, was present in Rome for the canonisation, and shares his reflections with us:

The tone and tempo were set from the moment I stepped into Rome airport with familiar faces (both Anglican and Roman Catholic) already in the passport control queue. Rome would be full of people known to us all, indeed people joked about who might still be in England on Sunday to say Mass for the people.

There are moments in one's life, this was surely one of them, where being in the right place at the right time, felt as if there were an influence from the divine. As soon as the Canonisation of John Henry Newman was announced I knew I had to be in Rome for that great day. A devotion to the saint, born in Oxford and nurtured since then, ensured that. The Sunday before the canonisation, I had preached in



our parish about going to the Mass at St. Peter's as an Anglican, steeped in our Catholic tradition, to celebrate this great priest and the example of strong determined faith, left by St John Henry to people of all

Christian denominations. An example of faith, charity and determination that spoke most strongly to me during my time at St Stephen's House. St John Henry, as much of what we heard over the course of the weekend told us, was a man wracked with self-doubt and at times a sense of failure, yet the achievements of this saint's life shine now like a beacon of hope, not only through his canonisation and sainthood and the path that brought this to its conclusion, but that we can all take hope from a man, who despite these feelings and setbacks, as he perceived, achieved so much for God's kingdom on earth.

The weekend was a joyous fiesta of pilgrimage, moving from official services and events, to gatherings of friends old and new, private prayer and contemplation. The weekend started on the Saturday with various events across Rome, including a vigil of prayer in preparation for the Canonisation Mass the next day.



Sunday dawned, bright and warm, and as I walked from where I was staying for the weekend, I found the streets quiet and empty, almost ghostly in the absence of people, which allowed me space to contemplate what was to come. I then met an Oratorian of my acquaintance and shared the last mile of my walk with his. His joy undoubted at the

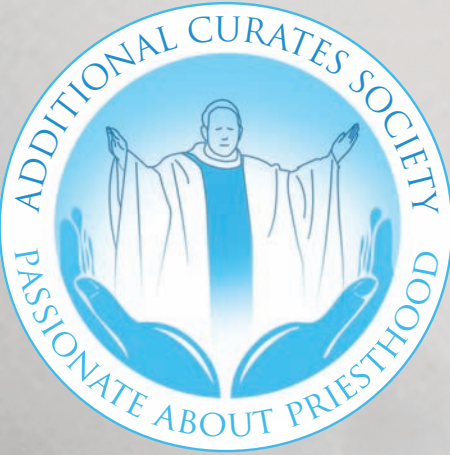


events to come, by the time we arrived at St Peter's we were both giddy with excitement, the Holy Spirt leading, as St John Henry's hymn says as a kindly light toward the Mass. In another unplanned moment I then, isn't God great, met with friends from all aspects of my life, as I found myself by chance in a group of brother priests and friends as we found our seats for the Mass. The rest, as they say, is history, the moment of the canonisation will live and inspire me for ever, as will the joy and friendship of those with whom I shared this most special of days.

The evening found us attending a service of prayer and reflection lead by the various Oratorian Houses from around the world, a much need time for thanks and reflection.

Monday brought my final day and a chance to see my Godson, a pupil at the Oratory School just outside Oxford, serve Cardinal Nichols at the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano. Packed, even for such a church, this was the climax of the weekend and a much needed chance, as Cardinal Nichols said, to say thank you to St. John Henry, but also to all those who had worked so hard to make the weekend's events so special.

The glow remains, even as I write this, when I think about those times in Rome and what they have given to me as a faithful priest and servant of the church. Deo Gratias. May St John Henry Newman pray for us all.



# CATHOLIC VOCATIONS ARE STARTING TO TAKE OFF!

There is a real sense of momentum here at the Additional Curates Society, and we are delighted that vocations to the priesthood from Traditionalists are showing no sense of decline, in fact they seem to be ascending to new heights. Here are a few of those who have started training this year and we commend them to your prayers.

But let us not get too complacent, because we still need to go much further as these ordinands are but a drop in the ocean (to mix my metaphors) and the need to encourage more men of our constituency is not simply pie in the sky, but an absolute necessity. Here are three very important dates that I would like to draw your attention to.

**Sunday 3rd May 2020** – Vocations Sunday. Look out for lots of exciting material that will enable your parish to focus attention on this important need.

**Saturday 4th July 2020** – Vocations Day 11am-3pm based at our Birmingham City Centre H.Q. for all those considering the possibility of ordination in the Church of England wherever they are in the process.

**Friday 28th August through to Sunday 30th August** – Vocations Conference at St Stephen's House Oxford. A residential weekend for those making a first enquiry about ordination led by the Bishop of Richborough on behalf of the Catholic Society Bishops.

Therefore Brothers and Sisters, the sky really is the limit, so help us at the ACS launch our 2020 Vocations Initiative that seeks to resource ministry for Traditionalists in the Church of England.



Hi, my name is Tim Davies and I am currently working in an Engineering Company and am excited to be taking up my training in 2020, having been recommended for ordination.



I have just started at St Stephen's House having completed my studies in Sheffield. My name is Michael Dixon and I am 23 years of age.



My name is James Walton, I have been a HGV Mechanic since I left school at 16 and I have just started at St Stephen's House.



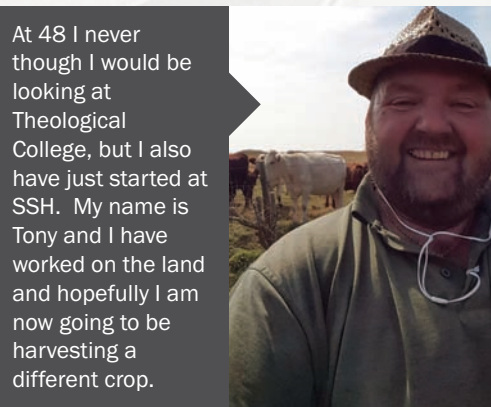
My name is Warren Mitchell and at the age of 49 having worked in the telecommunications industry I also have just begun training at Mirfield.



I have had a variety of jobs from working in warehouses, West Midlands Police, Sandwell Council and latterly as a House Husband. My name is Phil Garrett and I have just started a part-time course at Queens.



Hello my name is Ryan and I'm 29 years old a qualified teacher of Computer Science, recently concentrating on students with severe special educational needs. This is where I started to sense God's call to ordained ministry, working with such a diverse set of needs my pastoral skills were being put the test daily both in my job, my daily life and at church.



At 48 I never thought I would be looking at Theological College, but I also have just started at SSH. My name is Tony and I have worked on the land and hopefully I am now going to be harvesting a different crop.



Most people think chocolate is heaven, my name is Andrew Bailey and I am giving up a career managing Hotel Chocolat in order to point people to the real heaven. I have just started my training at St Stephen's House.



Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Jonathan Roberts and since the age of 19 I have been working in the travel industry, both as a holiday rep and as an Air Steward. I have just begun my training at Mirfield.



# Departures and Arrivals at Forward in Faith



Dr. Colin Podmore will be retiring in February 2020 as Director of Forward in Faith after nearly seven years in post.

Before coming to this post, he served for twenty-five years in various posts at Church House, Westminster. From 1988 to 2013 Colin was involved in delivering an unusual number of complex and challenging projects. In the 1990s his theological and historical knowledge and proficiency in German enabled him to make an outstanding personal contribution to a landmark agreement between the Church of England and the German churches of the Lutheran and Reformed tradition. Subsequently he helped guide the passage of the Common Worship liturgies through the Synodical process and oversaw the ambitious publication programme that followed. He was Secretary to two major reviews of Crown appointments in 2001 and 2007 contributing an historical perspective to the sensitive and shifting boundary between Church and State. As Secretary of the Dioceses Commission he helped oversee the first successful attempt in more than a century to abolish three dioceses and create one more coherent diocese in their place.

From 2011 he was Clerk to the Synod and Director of Ecumenical Relations. In this role his familiarity with the law, theology and politics of the Church of England enabled him to make an exceptional contribution. Colin joined Forward in Faith at a difficult moment for the Church of England, shortly after the Synod had narrowly rejected legislation to enable women to become bishops. The fact that revised legislation passed by clear majorities in 2014 owed much to the willingness of those with sharply opposing views to come to an accommodation in the light of their mutual commitment to each other as Anglicans. Within the traditional Catholic constituency Colin played a pivotal role in the process to secure a solution which had up to then proved elusive. We owe him a great deal for his part in the establishment of The Society of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda and his serving as secretary to the Council of Bishops of The Society.

He has continued to give confidence that there will still be a place for traditionalists within a Church of England that has abolished gender distinctions in its ministry yet aspires to remain



a broad church. He has deployed his great powers of organisation to ensure that effective new support structures for traditionalist clergy and parishes have been put in place. And he has worked unstintingly in travelling the country, working with far fewer resources than he had been accustomed to at Church House yet continuing to show a commitment that is not confined to his constituency but extends to the welfare of the whole Church of England. Colin is a scholarly, wise, politically astute and decent hard-working servant of the Church of England in a series of roles. We thank him particularly for all he has done for traditional Catholics as Director of Forward in Faith.

## We are delighted that Tom Middleton has been appointed to succeed Colin.

Tom currently works as the Greater London Authority's Assistant Director of Finance and Governance, and leads a team of 35 people at London's City Hall, where he has worked for the past 18 years.

He was previously on the staff of the Audit Commission and the National Audit Office. He holds a degree in theology from Durham University and a postgraduate diploma in public finance and leadership from Warwick University, and is a member of the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Administration.

Tom worships at St Silas, Kentish Town. He is Treasurer of the Society of Mary and has recently been appointed as Clerk to the Trustees of the Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund.

Bishop Tony Robinson, Chairman of Forward in Faith, commented: "I am delighted that Tom has agreed to be our next Director. He comes to us after a distinguished career working in finance and governance. He will bring a wide range of skills which will help us develop even further over the coming years. I look forward to the next chapter of Forward in Faith's task of strengthening the place of The Society within the Church of England."

Tom said. "I am greatly honoured to be taking up this role. I look forward to meeting as many of my fellow members of Forward in Faith as I can, and to working with the trustees, Council members and branch officers. I shall do my utmost to continue the sterling work of Forward

in Faith and Colin Podmore in promoting the Catholic faith as we have received it in the Church of England."

We give thanks for Colin's work, and pray for him as he prepares to retire. We also pray for Tom as he prepares to take on his new role.



## “Come, come, come to the manger...”

**Bishop Roger reflects on the Eucharist, the manger and Bethlehem**

Bread is, of course, a symbol of life. Jesus came, says St John, that we might “have life, and have it abundantly”. No wonder then that Jesus says to the disciples after the feeding of the five thousand, “I am the bread of life” and, in explaining this, he says: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh”. St John is the evangelist who describes the birth of Jesus, this gift of living bread come down from heaven, in an innovative way as incarnation: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father”. And “from his fullness have we all received”. God’s loving gift to the world of his incarnate Son is one of abundant generosity: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger...”. Jesus taught his disciples to pray “Give us this day our daily bread.” This means bread sufficient for each day, sufficient to keep us from ever being hungry. To have bread in abundance is a blessing and a grace from God. Those shepherds who came

to see the child Jesus in the manger of Bethlehem were, after Mary and Joseph, the first to behold his glory, the first to see that blessing and grace from God. There they saw the Bread of Life lying in an animals’ feeding trough. The root of the English word manger comes from the French verb to eat. Anyone coming to a manger in a cattle shed would expect to find something there to eat. The shepherds did indeed find food to eat, but not what they expected. The angel messenger had told them to go to Bethlehem to see “a babe... lying in a manger” and which would be a “sign” for them – a pointer to God’s purpose to make his dwelling with his people and to be the one who would sustain them, feeding them with the bread which he would give for the life of the world, that is, his very flesh.

It is now that we recall that Bethlehem, the place of the Saviour’s birth, means House of Bread. How marvellous, then, is the purpose of God! Food for those the Lord calls his sheep is given them from the very beginning. From the first moment of his birth, the Father reveals his Son to be the one to whom all should come in order to feed so as never to be hungry again and, in this way, know the fullness of life. And so the hymn of Christmas

morning reminds us, “Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss, from his poor manger to his bitter cross.” “Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people” were the words of the angel to the shepherds who then “went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.” I wonder what were the first words of Mary and Joseph as they greeted those marvellous shepherds? Could they have been “Behold the man”? Or even “Behold the Lamb of God”?

Let us come, then, to the manger and worship the King, saying those familiar words with which we prepare to feed on the Bread of Life: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...”

He leaves all His glory behind,  
To be born and to die for mankind;  
With grateful beasts His cradle chooses,  
Thankless man His love refuses,  
Lord, have pity and mercy on me!

**Bishop Roger Jupp  
Superior-General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament**



## The Guild of All Souls

*praying and caring for the sick, dying, departed and bereaved*

The Guild of All Souls has sought to fulfill two main tasks since its foundation in 1873. First, to maintain a continuous chain of intercession for the souls of the faithful departed as a practical witness to the doctrines of the Communion of Saints and the Resurrection of the Dead. Secondly, to care for the dying, the dead and the bereaved.

An annual Intercession Paper is issued to members; we publish other materials and prayer cards, and we sponsor an annual Day Conference at Walsingham.

Here Anne Gray, a Trustee of the Guild, writes about a recent pastoral connection made through a Guild publication and its impact on the life of a parish.

On Saturday 23rd November in our parish church of St Mary the Virgin Mendlesham, Suffolk, we will hold a Service of Light for all families bereaved of a child, whether before or after birth, of whatever cause and however long ago.

It started in 2017, inspired by a lady called Marie. Earlier that year, experiencing such anguish after a miscarriage, she got into her car and drove without knowing where she was heading. She ended up in our church about 15 miles away, though she had never heard of it previously. There she found a haven of peace, candles to light for the departed and some prayer cards published by The Guild of All Souls which spoke to her in her need.

Marie is an artist who, later that year, held an exhibition in Ipswich on the theme of her loss. She

wrote to Carole, the Guild secretary, inviting her to come, as she had seen The Guild’s contact details on the back of the prayer cards. Carole in turn asked me if I would represent The Guild as I live much nearer Ipswich. However, it was only when I read Marie’s blog on her website that we knew anything of her visit to our church. Philip, my husband, who is the Vicar, invited her to hold her exhibition in St Mary’s and we compiled the service to complement it.

Marie said afterwards that she certainly felt divinely guided to Mendlesham church; it’s probably the only rural church in the diocese which has candles for the departed, the Blessed Sacrament reserved, Guild of All Souls prayer cards and is open every day.

The service is now held annually and has proved extremely helpful for a number of people – perhaps most memorably a 94 year-old widow in our congregation who afterwards said that at last she felt at peace; years ago she had given birth to a baby girl who had died straight away and she had grieved ever since. She herself died four weeks later.

I’ve heard since of a series of services called ‘Goodbye services’ but ours is most specifically ‘au revoir’ in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection, so the overriding theme is hope rather than sorrow.

If you would like more information, to become a member of the Guild, or to order publications, see our website: [www.guil dof allsouls.org.uk](http://www.guil dof allsouls.org.uk)





# Christmas Meditation

“He at whose voice Archangels and Angels tremble...”

The measure of our devotion and love for Mary is the measure of our yearning to know Jesus Christ: it's a simple, homely and home truth that we are blessed to recall in the wonder and silence of this season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Saviour. Why, you may ask? Because Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man: he is fully the son of his father, our father, in heaven; and he is fully the son of his mother, Mary. In these darkening days of December, the light of the Incarnation grows ever brighter as we prepare for this, the great mystery that is Christmas. Such a mystery is too hard for mere mortals to grasp, but Mary is the key that unlocks the doors of our understanding and she is also the gracious means of our learning.

What is this mystery that we are preparing to celebrate? It is twofold: firstly, Jesus is fully the son of his heavenly Father: think for a moment of the occasions when the disciples heard the Father address Jesus directly and audibly or when they heard Jesus address his father directly and audibly. I think especially of those two great mysteries of the Baptism of the Lord in the waters of the River Jordan and of the Transfiguration of the Lord up on Mount Tabor. They are like the bookends to our Lord's public ministry. On both occasions those gathered around heard the booming, thundering voice of the Father: “Behold my beloved son in whom I am well-pleased.” The heavens opened and the voice of God was heard, removing any doubt about who this mysterious person was, Jesus the Christ. And think of those times when our Lord prays aloud to his father-perhaps most poignantly in Gethsemane, “Father let this cup pass from me, yet not my will but yours be done” and the following day, calling in his final agony from the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And think of that beautiful, long prayer, known as the High Priestly Prayer which makes up Chapter 17 of St John's Gospel (incidentally, the anchor-hold of our ecclesiology and of our desire for the reunion of the Church-but that's for another time....), when we eavesdrop, together with the disciples in the Upper Room, on the most intimate and tender prayer from son to father. So we are assured of whom this is as we hear these and many other exchanges between heavenly son and heavenly father.

Secondly, Jesus is also fully the son of Mary. Not so many exchanges of words are recorded, though there were doubtless a fair few, especially in those early years....but we are presented with scene after scene in the Gospels in which Mary is patiently and faithfully present, witnessing the unfolding of the extraordinary story of God's love for us, his people, told through the conception, birth, life, death and

resurrection of her beloved child. There are the entrancing accounts, in St Matthew and St Luke, of the events leading up to the birth of Christ; then the snapshots of those first days and weeks, together with brief glimpses of childhood. Then Mary, the ‘Virgin with Child’ on so many Christmas cards, is present to witness the torment and bloody destruction of her child, meeting him in the crowds on his final journey and standing, at the last, at the foot of his cross, with the beloved disciple. His body is once again cradled in her lap, but this time as he is taken for burial. Mary too is caught up in the confusion



“Mary is the key that unlocks the doors of our understanding”

and ensuing rapture of the resurrection and ascension of her son and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost, the Birth of Holy Church.

St Hilary of Poitiers was one of the early Fathers of the Church (living and serving in Gaul in the 4th Century) and a passionate teacher of a right understanding of the mystery of the person of Jesus Christ and the way in which God and Man are brought together in him at his conception and birth. He helps open up this mystery when he writes of the tender, human love between Mary and Jesus, reminding us of the tiny cries of the infant son of God. He says “He at whose voice Archangels and Angels tremble, and heaven and earth and all the elements of the world are melted, was heard in the wailing of an infant....was wrapped in a cradle.” He continues that, in case the weakness of Mary's human frame is overwhelmed and broken by the power of God, the Holy Spirit “casts the cloud of his might around her”...that he might fortify her bodily frame to receive the power of God. Such is the glory of the conception of the Son of God and Mary, because she gave him our human nature, our flesh and blood, she gave him life and the very milk of a mother's love: because of this she is the guarantor of our salvation.

The greatest Christian scholars have studied and written at length about this great mystery: but that is not the path for many of us to take, especially in Advent! However, the good news is that the attention and honour and devotion that we offer to Mary in our worship and prayers will open these mysteries to us more swiftly and completely than a library full of books, and this is partly because so many of the ancient hymns and texts of devotion to Mary are the priceless fruit of a great root structure of learning and prayer (NB Hymns 213-218 in the English Hymnal are a good place to start, together with the Salve Regina). Mary is the key that unlocks the doors of our understanding and she is also the gracious means of our learning. Think of the centuries of art, music and literature that have been born of Mary: a great and wonderful outpouring of our love for God and for his son Jesus Christ, all of which was made possible through the simple ‘yes’ of Mary. Be it unto me according to thy word. May we learn her words to be our own this Advent, as we prepare to welcome the living Word into our hearts and lives, that one day she will lead us to see fully, without shadow or fear, the fruit of her womb, our Saviour Christ.

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# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS...

The priests and people of The Society minister in a wide range of contexts. Over the next few pages are reflections on those different contexts and how they celebrate Christmas, and what that says to them about the birth of Jesus.

Please do pray for all of them, and their witness to the Incarnation.

## ...IN LEEDS

For some folk in our community, the misery of Christmas draws nearer. Saint Hilda's Church, Cross Green, Leeds is the 64th poorest parish in the United Kingdom and is very much an island in the country's sixth richest city and the wealthiest in the North of England. This is because the inner ring road circumnavigates the parish, and if you did not live here you would have no need to come here. In every direction the community has been written off and for some folk here Christmas can, and will, be a really miserable time. However St Hilda's is very much the heartbeat of the community.

On Advent Sunday our Nativity figures of Mary and Joseph will be going into the local ‘Club and Institute’ from where they will start a journey around the parish staying in schools, houses and local businesses, arriving in church on the Fourth Sunday in Advent for our Christingle Service. This journey, from house to house, symbolises not only the homeless asylum seekers who move through the West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network, but also those of our own community who sofa surf, or squat as they have no fixed abode.

Nearly eight years ago Mary Brennan, a spirited human dynamo in the community for nearly 30 years whose door is always open, set up what has become the Wednesday Group where each week we feed between 30 and 40 of the most vulnerable of the parish, in a venture staffed by volunteers from the local community as well as church. What began as pilot scheme to provide what for some is their only meal in the week has also become their own sense of community where they share their problems and know people care.

From this we decided very early on to open on Christmas Day where we will serve whoever turns



up a three course Christmas meal. No one is ever turned away, and last year we fed more than 40 people. The sense of community is demonstrated in that even some single mums, having cooked for their own families, come afterwards to church to help with the washing up.

If this lunch did not happen, then 40 folk would sit at home, not be part of anything and Christmas would just roll into another miserable day of existence. But along with Mary, the volunteers and the Church they can come and be part of a wider family.

Being part of that wider family also brings home the message of Christmas and community expressed through the Christingle service which brings together members of the congregation and people who would not usually attend church.

St Hilda's also shows how it is the focal point for the parish by using the building for a Community Fun Day with a bouncy castle, games, stalls, Christmas Carols and a visit from Father Christmas.

When I came here three-and-a-half years ago, I was deeply touched by the plight of the community and how it had been left without a shepherd and the words of St Paul in his second letter to the people of Corinth are with me each day as I deal with poverty and its consequences. “For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.”

Jesus was crucified in weakness and rose through the power of the Resurrection to become strong and it's through working with the vulnerable that

enables them to become strong that they are the salt of the earth.

Even though at times society writes them off, St Hilda's is a hospital for sinners, where the broken are put back together. For me as the Interim Parish Priest I just feel absolutely privileged and honoured to have been called here to Cross Green where having been in interregnum for five-and-a-half years, God's people needed a shepherd, a shepherd who would love and encourage them so that through the Incarnation we are not a community that is written off.

We may not have any money but what we do have is a heart for mission where love, words and sincerity cost nothing, but when they are put together they can have a massive impact.

Fr Darren Percival





# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS...

## ...IN HOSPITAL

Barnsley NHS Hospital Foundation Trust is like any secular institution in that Christmas begins in late October. Wards have their raffles, local football stars visit the children's wards and staff Christmas parties are organised. Then, in the weeks leading up to Christmas, Christmas trees and decorations appear in wards and public areas.

Of course there is always the odd complaint about a picture of Mary and Joseph on a poster in the Children's A&E being 'too religious'!

For the Chaplaincy, Christmas in the hospital begins a week before Christmas Day itself, with the Hospital Carol Service. I avoided the 'carol sandwich' by building up the crib during the service. As an ex- Franciscan Friar, the Crib was built underneath the Altar; remembering St. Francis' teaching that "every Altar is another Bethlehem". Mary and Joseph were not put in the Crib as they were on the 'posada', calling at a different ward and unit all through Advent on their way to Bethlehem (the hospital chapel) arriving on Christmas Eve.

Christmas becomes a time of deep emotional and spiritual contrasts in hospital. I remember an 8 year old boy dying just an hour before the Christmas Day Mass; rushing up to the bedside to anoint him, then returning to the chapel trying, by the grace of God, to be full of Christmas cheer.

Equally It was always joyful and fulfilling to see people going home on Christmas Eve, restored and healthy enough to enjoy a family celebration.

On Christmas Eve there was an early Midnight Mass at 7:30pm, with the Christmas Martyrology proclaimed and chapel doors wide open. The Bambino was carried in a little procession and placed on the Altar until the Crib was blessed after Holy Communion. I chose 7:30 as it was a good time to catch staff before shift change, and visitors leaving the wards. Faithful volunteers would bring those patients who could leave the wards, down for the services.

There was always something deeply moving about celebrating our salvation within a hospital, and a very profound privilege of being the channel by which the sacraments of salvation were celebrated with and for the sick. After Mass, the hospital would be quiet, even expectant.

Christmas Day was an early start. Visiting every ward, armed with a sack full of Christmas chocolate for every patient and member of staff, plus a little Christmas card (religious of course) for everyone who wanted it. Also finding those patients and staff who couldn't leave the wards but wanted to make their Communion.

The Christmas Day Mass was always a special occasion with volunteers, visitors, patients and

staff full of the joy of the day, this flowed over onto the wards, and if patients were too ill to enter into the spirit of the day, they were surrounded by the love and care of the staff festooned with reindeer antlers and flashing Christmas badges!



The chaplain is able, particularly during the Christmas season, to cut through the secularism of the institution, which nearly all the staff and patients truly appreciate. The ministry of laying on of hands, care of the dying and the dead, administering the sacraments was responded to with appreciation and sensitivity by the staff and patients.

The frail and vulnerable child in the manger, was the person in intensive care or A&E or on the birthing unit. As a priest, like the Shepherds, you have nothing to give them but the lamb; the Lamb of God, Jesus, in prayer, blessing, word and sacrament.

Fr Peter Needham was until earlier this year a hospital chaplain in Barnsley, he is now serving as a parish priest.

## ...IN ENGLAND'S NAZARETH

"Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born  
When she to Beth'lem came that happy morn."

Bishop Thomas Ken's famous hymn, often sung at the Shrine, celebrates Mary's life and her virtues and begins with the mystery we celebrate at Christmas. The joy of this feast, the 'happy morn' which dawned in Bethlehem, is at the heart of Walsingham's Shrine, which exists "to honour the Incarnation of God the eternal Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and the Virgin Mary, his Mother."

So it really is Christmas every day in Walsingham!

Yet the feast of the Lord's Nativity has a particular sense of wonder and beauty in England's Nazareth. It is, of course, one of the quieter times of the year for the Shrine and village. Pilgrims and visitors are few and far between, though if the winter sun breaks through the grey East Anglian clouds a steady stream of those spending Christmas with their



families or on holiday on the Norfolk coast do come to have a look around.

In the village they see the usual display of Christmas trees and lights decorating the High Street and in the Common Place, by the Pump, there is a large Nativity Scene recently donated to the community by both the Anglican and Catholic Shrines. It is blessed every year by the Parish Priest, with the assistance of the Rector and Priest Administrator, representing the Shrines. The beautifully made figures reflect Walsingham's particular and historic devotion as England's Nazareth to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family who were eventually to return from Bethlehem to their home town in Galilee, to where the joy of the Incarnation was first experienced by Mary at the message of an angel.

Those who visit the Shrine and the Holy House at Christmas see the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Holy House crowned and vested in the best mantle, embroidered with flowers and fruits associated with Christmas and Mary's virtues. The Sanctuary of the Shrine Church has in its centre a Nativity Scene with distinctive figures carved in wood and surrounded with candles and flowers, before which pilgrims and visitors are invited to pray and light candles. On Christmas Eve, the Solemn Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord is celebrated at the High Altar. In contrast, the Mass of Christmas Dawn is offered in the Holy House with few people present, a quiet and intimate encounter with the new-born King in Word and Sacrament.



For the first time this year, instead of the Shrine Church, the beautiful and spacious St. Mary's Church in Walsingham will welcome the children and families of villagers and visitors to the annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve, a move which is part of its developing work of outreach to the parish community. Both Shrine and Parish gather together for the Midnight Mass which draws many worshippers and also for the Mass of the Day. Shrine and Parish then continue to share the rich feast of Solemnities and Feasts through the Christmas Octave concluding with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

It may be Christmas every day in Walsingham, but there is no place quite like it to hear again on that happy morn the news of Our Saviour's birth and to celebrate what lies at the heart of our faith, how the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Fr Kevin Smith SSC  
Priest Administrator  
The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS...

## ...AT SEA WITH THE ROYAL NAVY CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

During Advent and at Christmas many parishes are getting ready through the usual busyness of Carol services, Christingles, Christmas fairs, meals, charity appeals etc. The festivities envelop our lives, whether we are followers of the Christ child or not. Many folks will be working over the Christmas holidays, medics, emergency workers, hospitality employees, but for those in the Royal Navy life is somewhat different.

There is no significant conflict at present, but the Royal Navy is busier than ever; disaster relief in the Caribbean, migrant rescue, freedom of passage in the Far East. As an island nation, 98% of our trade is via the sea and the Royal Navy plays a vital role in the security, stability and prosperity of our nation and that of our allies. No doubt you have seen HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, our new aircraft carrier and the importance that plays in our nation's defence.

Many ships and submarines will be deployed on operations over the Christmas period; some would have left the UK back at the end of the summer, so preparations such as turkey and mince pies would have had to have been loaded onboard before setting sail. Royal Navy Chaplains will be with their ships.

My first Christmas at sea was in 1998 on HMS BOXER in the Arabian Gulf. We were at high readiness because of insurgent activity. Speaking with the Captain, we agreed to say Mass at Midnight but with the proviso, if we came under attack, the Emergency alarm would go and the congregation bomb bursts. Mass was set up in the dining hall with about 30 young sailors and just after the second carol, the alarm goes off and the ship reverts to action stations. The threat passes and an hour later we return to the hall, but this time not 40 sailors, but closer to 200 come to Mass.

For me, Christmas at sea, has been off Iraq, the South China sea, off Antarctica and in Afghanistan- giving communion there to over 400 soldiers, sailors and aircrew from around the world- with bullet proof vests and helmets at the ready. All different expressions of how we do deploying ministry.

The run up to Christmas will be very quiet; no endless Christmas music or commercialisation because we are at sea and an operational warship. No endless TV adverts or bombarded with social media feeds, because we are deployed. For the Chaplain in the Type 45 in the Far East, Christmas Day will be spent on patrol, with Mass and carols squeezed into the day and Christmas lunch served to the whole Ship's Company. For my chaplain who is deployed with the submarine, he left some weeks ago and unlike those in the Surface world, he has absolutely no contact with the rest of the world. On Christmas Day, somewhere under the ocean, he will say Mass for the Ship's Company onboard the Vanguard class submarine. And Nativity plays? Oh yes!!! We have put-on full-scale productions with angels, donkeys, mock ups of Bethlehem, rehearsed choirs and remember what I said? These are rough, tough, tattooed sailors; bit of challenge finding cherubs!

When we are deployed across oceans far and wide, we have a Ships Company that is predominantly male and under 40. These are men and women who place their lives on the line, who serve away from home for many months at a time. Sacramental life to them is important. They may not always have the religious literacy- but they are receptive to the Good News. They want to know that prayers are said for them, that the confession is available; that in the corner of a cabin, very often each day, the office recited, mass said in the

quiet hours- on a chart table, in the corner of a mess deck. Truly here, God is made present.

For more information about Chaplaincy in the Royal Navy - [www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/roles-and-specialisations/branches/chaplaincy](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/roles-and-specialisations/branches/chaplaincy)  
The Venerable Martyn Gough, Chaplain of the Fleet



## ...IN PRISON

In the outside world, families prepare for their Christmas festivities by buying and wrapping presents and shopping for all those delicious foodstuffs and drinks that we indulge ourselves with at Christmas time. Come Christmas Day, the fruits of their labours are enjoyed by opening presents, having a full English breakfast, visiting family and friends and having guests over for a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and mince pies with brandy sauce all washed down with our favourite tipple and we continue to indulge ourselves to New Year and beyond.

Not so In prison. Christmas morning begins like every other morning of the year - a basic breakfast of cereal, and lunch consists of what is usually served up for Sunday dinner, a chicken leg with all the trimmings. But today it is slightly different, instead of the usual apple orange or banana; pudding today is a warm mince pie, washed down with tea, coffee or fruit juice, all eaten in their prison cell with their cell mate for company and the festivities end there. No visible sign that today is any different to any other day of the year.

Visitors are not allowed on Christmas Day and inmates have to wait until Boxing Day to see their families and friends. They are not allowed to give



or to receive gifts. Thankfully there are a number of charitable organisations who help to relieve the burden and sadness of separation. For example, The Prison Fellowship run a scheme called Angel Tree, whereby, through their fundraising efforts throughout the year, they are able to send gifts to prisoner's children and this is done in such a way that it appears to be a gift from Daddy. The Mother's Union send hundreds of Christmas cards to inmates wishing them seasons greeting and making them feel that they haven't been totally forgotten and that they do matter.

In the run up to Christmas, the chapel is decorated with the figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and Christmas tree and other decorations that have been donated by volunteers. The Chaplaincy organise a Carol

Service and on Christmas morning The Right Reverend David Urquhart Anglican Bishop of Birmingham conducts a service for the Christian population whilst Archbishop Bernard Longley conducts Mass for the Roman Catholic inmates. They then go on to their respective Cathedrals for the remainder of their Christmas worship and festivities.

Every year the same thought runs through my mind when the respective Bishops have left us and they go on to the splendour of their respective Cathedrals and the celebrations thereafter: "which of these environments is closer to the actual event of our Saviour's birth?" My answer to myself is in the words of the carol In The Bleak Midwinter

"What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart".  
Like that stable everything in prison is stripped back to basics and people bring nothing to Christmas but themselves and their faith.

Fr Patrick Gillon is a prison chaplain in Birmingham



# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS...

## ...IN THE FRIARY

I am always extremely suspicious of anything which claims to articulate an overarching and definitive 'x' or 'y' Spirituality. As a Franciscan Friar (and thus having lived constantly with Franciscan Friars for more than ten years) I can safely say that not one of us thinks or prays identically! Having said that, however, there is certainly a 'family resemblance' in our thinking and praying and the figure of our founder St Francis of Assisi inevitably figures large in our corporate prayer, in our reading and in our contemplation. When trying to explain the main topoi of Franciscan thought (at least as I see them!) I tend to use three headings: Crib; Cross and Altar. These are, of course, important reference points in Our Lord's life (Birth, Death and Eternal Life) but St Francis responded to them on at least two levels; they were a source of wonder and the occasion of praise for him but they also affected the way he apprehended the world around him: Thus, not only did he weep over the cross, he wept over those who were crucified by the vagaries of life; he not only rejoiced in the Incarnation he also perceived that the 'stuff' of the world in which the Incarnation had taken place was, at least potentially, Sacred.

Given the first of these topoi it should come as no surprise that Friars take the celebration of the

Incarnation extremely seriously and this seriousness may be seen, above all things, in the presence of Cribs in all Franciscan Friaries and houses. One of the many myths one hears about St Francis is that he invented the Crib. This is not the case, however, what is undeniably true is that St Francis reinvigorated the practice of devotions before the Crib and, according to one of his earliest biographers (Thomas of Celano) he instituted the practice, in the Umbrian settlement of Greccio, of the praesepio or the 'living crib' in which a statue of the baby Jesus was placed in an enclosure in which live animals were housed so that, as Thomas records, the faithful might have an opportunity not only to reflect on the wonder of the Incarnation and the Divine condescension which lay behind it but that they might also experience the sights, sounds and smells of the environment in which the King of Kings and Lord of Lords came to dwell in. In that sense, this particular sort of Crib reminded them, and reminds those of us who reflect upon it, that the Lord did not come into a perfect, spotless, uncomplicated world. Far from it; he came into a noisy, violent, noisome world surrounded by the noise – and stench – of farm animals. The gritty reality – and the consequences – of the Incarnation are, for me as a Franciscan, what I choose to reflect

upon over the Christmas period. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us not in a perfect ordered world but in our imperfect, noisy, sad and troubled world as God's Supreme and wonderful gift and in order that the world, through him, might be saved.

"Let us Bless the Lord God Living and True; let us always give Him praise, glory, honour, blessing and every good! Amen..."

Brother Joseph Emmanuel SSF is Novice Guardian for the Society of St Francis and is based at Alnmouth Friary



## ...MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The mission to Seafarers started over 150 years ago when a Parish Priest in Bristol began visiting ships and seafarers. We now operate in over 200 ports around the world providing information, religious material, services, transport, clubs and counselling to our 1.5 million sailors who bring us 90% of what we use in our daily lives. My ministry is mostly with the crews of cargo and container ships and I visit ships, take services and help out at our Seafarers Centre. We also help out with justice and welfare issues such as bullying or being forced to work in substandard conditions.

Here is what I leave on each ship: Newspapers in their own language, religious booklets, seafaring magazines, welfare information, transport information, contact details and maps.

Our preparations for Christmas start at the beginning of Advent with our Christmas Bazaar. Several hundred people attend it and we have various stalls and services set up and serve a hot lunch and refreshments.

The week before Christmas a group of thirty or so of us get together to make Christmas parcels for the

Sailors. These include such things as nice woolly hats, scarves, cards, hygiene products and perhaps a torch as well as some sweets.

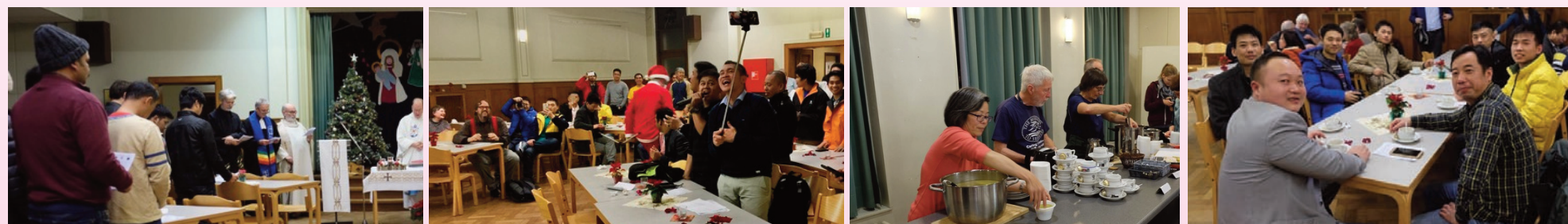
Our big activities are on 24 December and it begins by visiting the ships. We try and see as many ships as possible and give invitations for our Christmas Eve Mass which is followed by food and a Christmas Party. A good number, especially those with Crews from the Philippines and India, are preparing for their Christmas Day celebrations on their ships. We provide bus transport every evening to our Centre and the transport is especially full on Christmas Eve with up to 75 joining us.

We decorate our main hall at the Centre for Christmas as our Chapel is too small for these numbers. We usually have 7 clergy for the Mass which starts at about 8 pm. We are a varied group with 3 Lutheran Deacons, a Reformed Minister, an Anglican Priest and 2 Roman Catholic Priests. They represent the Swedish Lutheran Mission, the German Seamen's Mission (DSM), Sailors Society, Mission to Seafarers (MTS) and the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). We all take part in the service and the 3 Priests (Anglican and Roman Catholic)

concelebrate and distribute the Eucharist. We are supported with music and a Choir from the local Filipino Congregation. Ecumenical cooperation is excellent. One of us does the Homily and we try to not only address the miracle of the Incarnation, but also the fact that the Sailors are missing home and family. I actually don't meet many Seafarers who are committed to life at sea out of love for the sea. Most of them do it so they can give their families a better life. A Filipino Sailor may be supporting up to 100 members of his family.

After the Mass the Sailors join us for some food and drink and our Christmas Party begins. The Reformed Minister appears as Father Christmas with some helpers and we have some more singing and the distribution of the Christmas parcels. It is a very good Evening and the Seafarers really seem to appreciate it. The congregation includes Seafarers from many countries, but mostly from the Philippines and India. We try to make it a very special evening for them.

Fr Brian Millson is Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers and Assistant Priest at St Boniface, Antwerp



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## The Catholic Societies of the Church of England Events 2020

### JANUARY

**Saturday 11th**  
**Bishop of Fulham Epiphany Festival**  
www.bishopoffulham.org.uk

**Thursday 30th**  
**Commemoration of King Charles the Martyr**  
11:40 – The Banqueting House, Whitehall  
www.skcm.org

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 3rd – Friday 7th**  
**The Priests and Deacons Retreat**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

### MARCH

**Friday 13th – Sunday 15th**  
**The Children's Pilgrimage 'Saving Water'**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

**Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th**  
**A Lenten Retreat 'Mary and the Eucharist'**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

### APRIL

**Wednesday 1st**  
**Bishop of Richborough Chrism Mass**  
7:30pm – St Hugh, Eyres Monsell, Leicester  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Saturday 4th**  
**Bishop of Richborough Chrism Mass**  
11:00 - Winchester Cathedral  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Sunday 5th**  
**Bishop of Beverley Chrism Mass**  
6:00 St Aidan, Grangetown  
www.seeofbeverley.org.uk

**Sunday 5th**  
**Bishop of Burnley Chrism Mass**  
Venue TBC

**Sunday 5th**  
**Bishop of Wakefield Chrism Mass**  
Venue TBC

**Monday 6th**  
**Bishop of Richborough Chrism Mass**  
12:00 Chelmsford Cathedral  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Monday 6th**  
**Bishop of Beverley Chrism Mass**  
11:30 St Leonard, Loftus  
www.seeofbeverley.org.uk

**Monday 6th**  
**Bishop of Ebbsfleet Chrism Mass TBC**  
12:00 Bristol Cathedral  
www.ebbsfleet.org.uk

**Tuesday 7th**  
**Bishop of Fulham Chrism Mass**  
11:00 – St. Andrew, Holborn  
www.bishopoffulham.org.uk

**Tuesday 7th**

**Bishop of Richborough Chrism Mass**  
12:00 Canterbury Cathedral  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Tuesday 7th**  
**Bishop of Beverley Chrism Mass**  
11:30 Manchester Cathedral  
www.seeofbeverley.org.uk

**Tuesday 7th**  
**Bishop of Ebbsfleet Chrism Mass TBC**  
11:30 Exeter Cathedral  
www.ebbsfleet.org.uk

**Wednesday 8th**  
**Bishop of Richborough Chrism Mass**  
12:00 The Shrine Church, Walsingham  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Wednesday 8th**  
**Bishop of Beverley Chrism Mass**  
6:00 St Aidan, Grangetown  
www.seeofbeverley.org.uk

**Wednesday 8th**  
**Bishop of Ebbsfleet Chrism Mass TBC**  
11:30 Lichfield Cathedral  
www.ebbsfleet.org.uk

**Saturday 18th**  
**Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Easter Festival**  
12:00 St Stephen, Gloucester Road, London  
www.guild-of-servants-of-sanctuary.weebly.com

**Saturday 25th**  
**CBS Children's Eucharistic Festival**  
Holy Family, Failsworth, Manchester  
www.confraternity.org.uk

### MAY

**Saturday 2nd**  
**Society of Our Lady of Egmonton May Festival**  
12:00 Mass Tuxford Road, Egmonton, NG22 0EZ  
www.sole-egmanton.com

**Sunday 3rd**  
**Vocations Sunday**  
www.additionalcurates.co.uk

**Saturday 9th**  
**Society of Mary May Devotion**  
12:00 – Mass (St Silas, Kentish Town, London)  
4:00 – Vespers (Holy Trinity, Kentish Town, London) Preacher: Mgr John Armitage  
www.societyofmary.weebly.com

**Monday 11th – Friday 15th**  
**St John's Guild Walsingham Pilgrimage**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.stjohnsguild.org

**Saturday 16th**  
**Anglo-Catholic History Lecture**  
12:00 Mass, 2:00 Lecture Clumber Park Chapel  
vicar@worksopprory.co.uk

**Saturday 16th**  
**Richborough Festival**  
Canterbury Cathedral  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Monday 25th**  
**Walsingham National Pilgrimage**  
12:00 Mass, 2:30 Sermon and Procession - Abbey Grounds  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

### JUNE

**Saturday 20th**  
**Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament Festival**  
12:00 Mass St Stephen, Gloucester Road  
www.confraternity.org.uk

**Friday 19th – Sunday 21st**  
**Family Fest South West**  
Dart Country Park  
familyfestsw@hotmail.com

**Thursday 25th**  
**Guild of All Souls Day Conference**  
10:45 – 3:00 – Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.guilldofallsouls.org.uk

### JULY

**Saturday 4th**  
**Additional Curates Society Vocations Day**  
ACS Offices, Commercial Street, Birmingham  
www.additionalcurates.co.uk

**Saturday 11th**  
**Glastonbury Pilgrimage**  
12:00 Mass Preacher: The Bishop of Beverley  
www.glastonburypilgrimage.com

**July 16th**  
**Church Union Theology Lecture**  
6:30 Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, London  
www.churchunion.co.uk  
www.holyredeemerclerkenwell.com

### AUGUST

**Saturday 1st**  
**Society of Our Lady of Egmonton**  
12:00 Mass Tuxford Road, Egmonton, NG22 0EZ  
www.sole-egmanton.com

**Monday 3rd - Friday 7th**  
**Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/the-shrine/the-youth-pilgrimage/

**Saturday 8th**  
**Richborough Family Festival**  
12:00 Mass St Alban's Cathedral  
www.richborough.org.uk

**Friday 14th**  
**Assumptiontide Lecture**  
3:00 St Mary, Walsingham  
www.churchunion.co.uk

**Saturday 15th**  
**Assumptiontide Festival**  
12:00 Mass Bristol Cathedral  
www.ebbsfleet.org.uk

**Friday 28th - Sunday 30th**  
**Additional Curates Society Vocations Conference**  
St. Stephen's House, Oxford  
www.additionalcurates.co.uk

**Monday 31st**  
**Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**  
12:00 – Mass  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

### SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday 23rd**  
**Church Union AGM**  
Gordon Square  
www.churchunion.co.uk

**Friday 25th**  
**Catholic Evangelism Lecture**  
7:00 St Matthew, Carver Street, Sheffield  
www.churchunion.co.uk  
www.stmatthewscarverstreet.co.uk

### OCTOBER

**Saturday 3rd**  
**Glastonbury Pilgrimage Association AGM**  
Abbey House, Glastonbury  
www.glastonburypilgrimage.com

**Monday 5th**  
**Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament Council General**  
11:30 Mass  
www.confraternity.org.uk

**Saturday 10th**  
**Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Autumn Festival**  
St Mary de Castro, Leicester  
www.guild-of-servants-of-sanctuary.weebly.com

**Monday 12th - Thursday 15th**  
**SSC International Synod**  
www.sscholycross.com

**Saturday 24th**  
**Walsingham Festival**  
Durham Cathedral  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th**  
**The Families Pilgrimage**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday 5th**  
**Guild of All Souls Requiem**  
7:00 St Stephens, Gloucester Road, London  
www.guilldofallsouls.org.uk

**Saturday 7th**  
**Society of Our Lady of Egmonton Requiem**  
12:00 Mass Tuxford Road, Egmonton, NG22 0EZ  
www.sole-egmanton.com

**Friday 13th – Sunday 15th**  
**Walsingham Bible Weekend**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

**Saturday 14th November**  
**Forward in Faith National Assembly**  
www.forwardinfaith.com

**Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd**  
**Adoremus (18 to 30's Pilgrimage)**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

### DECEMBER

**Friday 4th - Sunday 6th**  
**Advent Retreat**  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
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Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley.  
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01 270 212418.

**Sunday 22nd December**  
10am Parish Mass "Looking towards  
Christmas" Celebration for Children  
and Families.

**Christmas Eve**  
11pm Midnight Mass and Blessing of  
the Crib.

**Christmas Day** 10am Solemn  
Mass and Procession to the Crib.  
**Sunday 29th December**  
6pm Carol Service and Benediction.  
Vicar: Fr.Ralph Powell SSC

## St.Augustine's

Tonge Moor, Bolton BL2 2LP  
**Wednesday, 18th December**  
7.30pm Carol Service (St.Aidan's).  
**Christmas Eve**  
11.30pm Midnight Mass with the  
completion of the Christmas Crib.  
**Christmas Day**  
9.15am Mass (St.Aidan's), 10.30am  
Solemn Christmas Mass.  
**Sunday 29th December**  
3pm Service of Nine Lessons  
and Carols  
Fr.Tony Davies 01204 523899  
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## The Parish of Swinton & Pendlebury, Manchester

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm Christingle Vigil Mass at Saint  
Peter's (M27 0WA) 7.30pm. Sung  
Mass of the Vigil & Blessing of the  
Crib at Saint Augustine's (M27 8UX)  
11.30pm. Midnight Mass & Blessing  
of the Crib at All Saints' (M27 9UG) &  
at Saint Peter's **Christmas Day**  
8am Mass of the Dawn at Saint Peter's  
Sung Mass of Christmas Day with  
Carols at All Saints' at 9.30am, Saint  
Augustine's at 10am, & Saint Peter's  
at 10.30am. **December 26th**  
11am Solemn Mass for Saint  
Stephen's Day at Saint Peter's,  
followed by refreshments  
*For details of carol services, other services, etc.*  
Fr Jeremy Sheehy 0161 794 1578  
Parish Office 0161 727 8175  
paroffsandp@btconnect.com

## St Hilda's, Prestwich. Greater Manchester

A Society Parish under the Episcopal  
Care of the Bishop of Beverley  
**Services during the Christmas season 2019.**  
**Monday 16th December**  
7.00pm Carol Service  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
8.00pm First Mass of Christmas  
**Wednesday 25th December**  
Christmas Day 11.00am High Mass  
**Thursday 26th December**  
Feast of St Stephen 10.00am Mass  
**Contact: Fr Ronald Croft 0161 773 1642**  
**www.sthildasprestwich.org.uk**

## St Andrew's Parish Church Graham Road West Kirby

A warm welcome awaits you at  
your local Church of England  
Parish Church as we celebrate  
Christmas, the coming of our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Sunday 15th December**  
6:00 PM Carols By Candlelight  
A service of Lessons and Carols  
**Christmas Eve**  
11.30 Midnight Mass.  
First Communion of Christmas  
**Christmas Day**  
10.30am Sung Eucharist  
**Churchwarden 0795 725 3013**  
**www.standrewswestkirby.co.uk**

## St.Peter, Stockport Society of St.Wilfrid & St.Hilda

**Saturday 21st December**  
3.30pm Traditional Carol Service  
**Christmas Eve**  
12.30pm Low Mass.  
**Christmas Day**  
10.30am Sung Mass  
**Thursday, Friday and Saturday**  
10.30am Low Mass.  
**Sunday 5th January**  
10.30am Epiphany.  
**Contact Fr.Ken. Kendrick**  
**0161 483 0675**

## St Luke's Southport , PR9 9AJ (Corner of St Luke's Rd & Hawkshead St)

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Mass of the Day 10.30am  
**Thursday 30th January 2020**  
King Charles the Martyr - Evening  
Prayer 6pm  
**www.sluke.co.uk**

## St.Michael, Coppenhall, Crewe

**Christmas Eve**  
6.00pm Crib Service and Christingle,  
11pm Midnight Mass of Christmas.  
**Christmas Day**  
8.00am Mass, 10.00am Sung Mass  
with Carols.  
*Society Parish under the care of  
the Bishop of Beverley*  
Contact Fr.John Xavier Leal SSC  
**01 270 215151**

## Christmas at St Barnabas Morecambe

A Society parish under the care of  
the Bishop of Burnley  
**Sunday 22nd December**  
4pm The West End Carol Service  
**Christmas Eve**  
4pm Crib service 11.30pm Carols and  
Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
10am Mass of the day  
**Fr Michael Childs SSC**  
**01524 591421**  
**westendpriest@gmail.com**

## The Parish of St Margaret, Hollinwood and St Chad, Limeside Chapel Road, Hollinwood OL8 4QQ Times of Mass this Christmas

**Christmas Eve** 4.00pm Young  
People's Vigil Mass. 11.00pm Solemn  
Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib  
**Christmas Day** 10.00am Solemn  
Mass of the Day. 4.00pm Vespers and  
Carols. Octave of Christmas - all masses  
at 10.00am Most Holy Family.  
10.30am Solemn Mass  
Confessions heard by appointment  
Fr Tom Davis SSC  
0161 681 4541  
www.magsnchands.org.uk

## Parish Church of Saint Paul the Apostle, Paddington, Salford

**Sunday 22nd December**  
\*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT\*  
11:00hrs PARISH MASS  
\*THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD\*  
23:30hrs FIRST MASS AT MIDNIGHT

**Christmas Day** 08:00hrs SECOND  
MASS AT DAWN  
11:00hrs THIRD MASS DURING THE DAY  
19:00hrs VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

**Thursday 26th** Saturday 28th  
December 10:30hrs MASS (Each Day)

Confessions each day before MASS  
or by Appointment 0161-736-8868

## S. Stephen on the Cliffs Blackpool

**Sun 22nd**  
6pm Candlelit Carol Service  
**Christmas Eve**, 4pm Crib Service,  
11.45 Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day** 10.00 Combined  
Mass, said, with Christmas Carols  
**26th St Stephen's Day.**  
Solemn Mass 10.30  
**Canon Andrew Sage**  
**andrewsage@aol.com 01253 351484**

## The Parish Church of the Good Shepherd,

Forest Road, Ford Estate,  
Sunderland. SR4 0DX  
**0191 5656780 or 0191 5656318**  
Parish Priest: Fr Beresford Skelton CMP SSC  
Come and share the joy of Christmas  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
**Christmas Eve**  
6.00pm Carols and Lessons leading  
into The Vigil Mass of Christmas with  
Blessing of the Crib Followed by Mince  
Pies and Drinks  
**Wednesday 25th December**  
**Christmas Day**  
9.15am Procession to the Crib &  
Solemn Mass of Christmas Day  
**Sunday 29th December Feast of  
the Holy Family**  
9.15am Solemn Mass  
*Wishing you all the joys and  
blessings of Christmas*

## CHRISTMAS AT S MARY MAGDALENE'S WILSON STREET, MILLFIELD, SUNDERLAND SR4 6HJ

**Tuesday 24/25th DEC. CHRISTMAS EVE**  
12.00Midnight MIDNIGHT MASS OF  
CHRISTMAS  
**Wednesday 25th DEC. CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10.30 MASS WITH CAROLS  
18.30 CANDLELIGHT ROSARY  
AND BENEDICTION AT THE CRIB  
**Sunday 29th DEC. THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
10.30 SOLEMN MASS  
18.30 BENEDICTION  
19.00 LOW MASS

WE WISH YOU EVERY BLESSING IN  
THIS HOLY SEASON OF CELEBRATION  
OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND INVITE  
YOU TO COME AND WORSHIP THE  
INFANT KING  
**Contact Fr Beresford Skelton CMP**  
**01915656318 for further details**

## St.Luke, New Rossington

**Sunday,15  
December,5:00pm**  
Traditional Carol Service  
**24th December,7:00pm**  
Midnight Mass  
No Christmas Day Service  
**lynnrodwell@yahoo.com**

## Holy Family, Lord Lane, Failsworth, Manchester

**Christmas Eve**  
4.pm Christingle,  
7pm First Mass of Christmas.

**Christmas Day**  
10am Mass.  
**Fr.Paul Hutchins - 0161 681 3644**

## Saint Catherine's, Todmorden Road, Burnley, Lancashire BB10 4AB

*A Society & Forward in Faith Parish  
Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Burnley*  
**SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER**  
Christingle Service - 6:00pm  
In Aid of the Children's Society

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Children's Mass & Nativity Play 6:00pm,  
Solemn Mass & Blessing of Crib 8:30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Mass 8:30am & Family Mass 10:30am,

**SUNDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2020**  
Community Carol Service - 6:30pm  
In Aid of Pendle Side Hospice

**DAILY MASS**  
Saturday: Vigil Mass 6:00pm  
Sundays: Mass 8:15am & 10:30am  
Rosary on Tuesday, Confessions on  
Saturday 9:30am, Evening Prayer &  
Benediction 6:00pm, First Sunday of the  
month - every Sunday Advent & Lent  
For other times please contact

**Father Roger Parker 07977 291166**  
**or see our website www.saintcatherines.one**

## St Helen's Parish Church West Auckland Bishop Auckland Co Durham

**Saturday 21st December** 11:30am  
Messy Christmas  
**Sunday 22nd December** 10.00am  
The Parish Mass  
6.00pm The Parish Carol Service  
with Ferryhill Brass Band and choirs  
from local schools  
**Christmas Eve** 4.00pm Family Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass by candlelight  
**Christmas Day:** 9.30am Family Mass  
**Sunday 29th December (The Holy  
Family)** 10.00am The Parish Mass  
with Carols

**Wednesday 1st January (Mary,  
Mother of God)** 12noon Holy Mass  
**Sunday 5th January 2020** The  
Epiphany of the Lord  
10.00am The Procession of the Kings,  
Parish Mass followed by The Parish  
Christmas Lunch  
**www.sthelenschurch.co.uk**  
**Follow us on Facebook**

## S. Chad, Toller Lane, Bradford An English Missal Parish of the Society

**22nd December** - Advent iv  
4 p.m. Christmass Carols and Benediction  
**Christmas Eve**  
11.15 p.m. The First Mass of Christmass  
**Christmass Day**  
10.45 a.m. Solemn Mass  
4 p.m. Evening Prayer at the Crib  
**26th December** - S. Stephen the  
First Martyr 9.30 a.m. Low Mass  
*Please*  
see https://www.achurchnearyou.co  
m/church/5757/ for details  
Twitter: @SChads1  
Parish Priest: Fr Liam Beadle

## Christ the King, Bowburn (DH6 5DS)

**22rd December**  
11am Sung Mass  
3pm Nativity Play & Christingle Service  
**Christmas Eve**  
10:45pm Imformal Carol Singing  
11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity  
**Christmas Day**  
11am Festival Mass with carols  
**Parish Priest: Fr. John Livesley**  
**SSC: 01388 814817**

## St.Mary's Horden, County Durham

Christmas Eve 3.15pm First Vespers;  
4pm Christingle; 8pm Vigil Mass  
(St Andrew's Blackhall); 11.30pm  
Proclamation, Solemn Mass of  
Midnight and Blessing of Crib

**Christmas Day** 8.30am Lauds; 9am  
Mass of the Dawn (St Andrew's  
Blackhall); 10.30am Solemn  
Mass of the Day  
**Fr Kyle McNeil SSC, 0191 586 0606**

## St.Aidan, Grangetown, Sunderland, SR2 9RS

**Christmass Eve**  
6.00 pm Parish Carol Service  
11:30 Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
10.00 Parish Mass  
6.00pm Benediction by candlelight  
**26th December - 28th December**  
9.30 Mass (Daily)  
**29st December - The Holy Family**  
10.00 am Parish Mass  
6.00pm Benediction

**1st January 2020 - Mary, Mother of God**  
12.00 Midday Mass  
We wish you a Happy and Holy  
Christmass! You will be most welcome  
at our celebrations. Come let us  
adore him!

**Contact: Father David Raine SSC**  
**Tel 0191 5143485 e: farvad@sky.com**

## All Saints Team Ministry, South Shields

Christmas Eve - 11.30pm  
Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day - 10am**  
Christmas Day Mass.

**Sunday 30th December - Holy  
Family - 6pm**  
Nine Lessons and Carols  
**Contact Fr.Mervyn Thompson**  
**0191 456 1851**

## Batley: Christ Church Staincliffe Hall Road WF17 7QX and St John's Ealand Road WF17 8HW

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm The Children's Christmas  
Service at St John's Ealand Road  
11:30pm Midnight Mass at Christ  
Church Staincliffe Hall Road  
**Christmas Day** 10am Mass of  
Christmas Day at St John's Ealand  
Road  
**Vicar: Fr Gordon Newton**  
email:  
**fr.gordon.newton@hotmail.co.uk**

## ST.WILFRID, CANTLEY, DONCASTER

**Christmas Eve**  
5.30pm Christingle and Vigil Mass  
(for Families), 11pm Midnight Mass.  
**Christmas Day** - 10am Parish Mass.  
**Thursday 26th** - 9.30am Mass.  
**Friday 27th** - 8pm Mass.  
**Saturday 28th** 9.30am Mass,  
**Sunday 29th** - 8am Mass, 10am  
Parish Mass, 6.30pm Carol Service.

All are welcome.

**Fr.Andrew Howard**  
**01 302 285316, mob 0774 0932758.**  
**e-mail fatherahoward@gmail.com**

## The Church of Saint Hilda of Whitby. Grangetown, Middlesbrough, TS6 7HU.

**Christmas Eve**  
3pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Solemn Midnight Mass  
of the Nativity  
**Christmas Day**  
9.30am Mass of the Day  
**Vicar: Father Edward Mathias-Jones SSC**  
**Tel: (01642) 441190**

## St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury (WF4 6AS)

**8th December:** 3pm Toddler Nativity  
**15th December:**  
6pm Parish Carol Service & sherry  
**24th December:** Christmas Eve: 5pm Christingle;  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
**25th December, Christmas Day:** 8am Said Mass;  
10.30am Sung Mass  
**29th December, Holy Family:** 8am Said Mass;  
10.30am Sung Mass  
**1st January, Mary, Mother of God:** 12noon Sung  
Mass & refreshments  
**St John, Horbury Bridge (WF4 5NU)**  
**25th December, Christmas Day:** 9am Sung Mass  
**27th December, St John, Patron:** 12noon Sung  
Mass & lunch with Bishop of Wakefield  
**29th December, Holy Family:** 9am Sung Mass  
Daily mass except Mondays; confessions  
Wednesdays 6pm or by appointment  
*Follow us on Facebook or Twitter*  
*@horburychurch or find us at*  
*horburychurch.com*

## St. Andrew's, Tudhoe Grange, Spennymoor (DL16 6NE)

**Sunday 22rd December,**  
**4th Sunday of Advent:**  
9am Sung Mass  
6pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and  
Carols  
*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*  
**Christmas Eve:**  
4pm Nativity Play & Crib Service  
6:15 Informal Carol Singing  
7pm The First Mass of Christmas  
**Christmas Day:**  
9am The Mass of the Dawn with Carols  
**Parish Priest: Fr. John Livesley SSC: 01388 814817**

## S John Seaham Harbour SR7 7SA (SJ) with All Saints Deneside (AS) & S Mary Seaham (SM) SEAHAM: COUNTY DURHAM

**Nine lessons & Carols 15th Dec**  
3pm (SM) : 18th Dec at 7pm (SJ)  
**Christingle Service** 22nd Dec  
4pm(SJ)  
**Christmas Eve:**  
8.00pm Vigil Mass by candlelight  
(SM) & 11.30 pm Solemn Mass of  
Midnight (SJ)  
**Christmas Day:**  
9.30am Solemn Mass (AS) &  
11.00am Solemn Mass (SJ)  
*A Society/See of Beverley Parish: Fr P  
Kennedy SSC 0191 3665496 ; Fr M  
Mawhinney 0191 5816774; Fr C  
Collins 0191 5817186 www.stjohns-  
seaham.org.uk*

## All Saints, North Street, York.

**24 December**  
7:30 p.m. High Mass, Procession,  
Blessing of the Crib  
**25 December**  
10:30 a.m. Low Mass

Full calendar and contact details  
at **www.allsaints-northstreet.org.uk**

## St Paul. King Cross, Halifax: Queens Road, HX1 3NU

**Sunday 1st December**  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service  
**Christmas Eve**  
2.30pm Carols by the Crib, 11.30pm  
First Mass of Christmas.  
**Christmas Day**  
10.30am Mass  
**Sunday 29th December**  
4:30pm - Carol Service  
**Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Barnard 01422 360740**  
**www.stpaulskingcross.co.uk**

## St.Oswald's, Hartlepool

**Christmas Eve**  
9.30am Mass, 5pm Carol  
Service and Nativity, 11.30pm  
Midnight Mass.  
**Christmas Day**  
9.30am Sung Mass  
*Parish Priest Fr.Graeme Buttery SSC*  
**01 429 273201**

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH (corner of Linthorpe Road and Grange Road)

**Christmas Eve**  
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass  
11.30pm  
**Christmas Day**  
Mass 9.45 am  
**All enquiries to Father Glyn Holland**  
**Tel: 01642 820304**

## The United Benefice of S. Hugh of Lincoln, New Cantley & Holy Trinity, Doncaster.

**15th December** 6.00pm Joint Carol  
Service at Holy Trinity  
**24th December** 6.00pm Vigil Mass of  
Christmas at S Hugh  
10.00pm Mass of Christmas night at  
Holy Trinity  
**Christmas Day:** 8.00am Mass of the  
Dawn at S. Hugh  
10.00am Mass of the Day at Holy Trinity  
**26th** 10.00am Mass of S Stephen at  
Holy Trinity  
**27th** 12 Noon Mass of S John at S. Hugh  
**28th** 9.30am Mass of the Holy  
Innocents at S. Hugh  
**29th** 9am Mass of the Holy Family at  
Holy Trinity / 11am Mass of the Holy  
Family at St.Hugh  
**1st January** 12 Noon Mass of Our Lady  
at Holy Trinity  
**5th January** 4.00pm Benediction for  
Epiphany at Holy Trinity.  
*For more details contact Fr Stokoe on*  
**01302 371256**

## St George in The Meadows, Nottingham

St George's Drive, NG2 1NX - 5  
minute walk from Nottingham Station  
A Parish of The Society, under the  
Episcopal Care of the Bishop of  
Beverley  
**Sunday 22nd December**  
6pm: Informal Carol Service  
**Tuesday24th December**  
11pm: Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
10am: Sung Mass of the Day .  
**Fr Ian McCormack SSC: 0115 952 3351;**  
**fatherianmccormack@hotmail.co.uk**  
**www.stgeorgeinthemeadows.com**

## St Wilfrid's, Chatsworth Road, Harehills, Leeds LS8 3RS

**“Midnight Mass” 8pm**  
**Christmas Day 10am**

**Mary Mother of God,  
January 1st 11am**

**Contact Fr Terry Buckingham**  
**SSC01943 876066**

## St.Catherine of Siena, Richmond Road, Sheffield

**Tuesday 24th December**  
5pm -family nativity/Christingle  
service with communion.  
9pm- First Mass of Christmas  
**Christmas Day**  
10 am - mass of Christmas Day  
**Contact Fr.Philip Knowles**  
**0114 239 9598**

## St.Mary, Sculcoates Sculcoates Lane, Hull, HU5 1DP

**Christmas Services**  
**Sunday 1st December**  
11am Christigle Mass  
6pm - Benediction.  
**Monday 16th December**  
7.30pm Carols with Hull Bach Choir  
(Ticketed event or pay on the door)  
**Friday 20th December**  
10am Stepney Primary School Carols  
and Readings  
**Sunday 22nd December**  
11am Sung Eucharist. 4pm Carols  
and Nativity.  
**Monday 23rd December**  
4pm Carols and Nativity.  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
1130PM Midnight Mass  
**Wednesday 25th December**  
11am Sung Eucharist  
**Fr.Phil Lamb 01 482 620341**  
**We are a Society Parish under the  
Episcopal care of the Bishop of Beverley**

## The Parish Church of S.James the Great Albert Hill, Darlington, DL1 2LU

**Sunday, 22 December**  
6:30 pm - Carol Service of the Nine  
Lessons  
With refreshments to follow in the hall  
**Christmas Eve**  
11.30 pm - Vigil and First Mass of  
Christmas  
**Christmas Day**  
10.00 am - Mass of Christmas Day  
**Fr.Kenneth Crawford - 01325 240183**  
**www.stjamesdarlington.org**

## The Church of St.Columba, Middlesbrough.

**Christmas Eve**  
11.30pm Midnight Mass of the  
Nativity and Blessing of the Crib.

**Christmas Day**  
10am Sung Mass with Carols.  
Mass each day during the  
Christmas Octave.

**For further information contact Fr.Stephen**  
**Cooper on 01 642 824779**

## Christmas in the Parish of Swindon New Town

**Thursday 19 December**  
7.30pm S. Mark's Nine Lessons  
and Carols

**Sunday 22 December**  
Advent IV Masses  
6.00pm Saturday S. Mark's  
(First Mass of Sunday)  
9.00am S. Saviour's;  
11.00am S. Luke's.  
6.00pm S. Luke's Nine Lessons  
and Carols

**Tuesday 24 December**  
Christmas Eve  
4.00pm Crib Service at S. Saviour's  
9.00pm Mass of the Nativity  
at S. Luke's  
11.30pm Midnight Mass at S. Mark's

**Wednesday 25 December**  
Christmas Day  
10.30am Family Mass of Christmas  
Day at S. Saviour's

**Contact Parish Administrator 01793 538220**  
**swindonnewtown@btinternet.com**

## All Saints, Pittville All Saints Road. Cheltenham GL52 2EV

**Sunday December 22nd**  
Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight,  
followed by mulled wine & mince pies  
**Christmas Eve**  
4.00 pm Crib Service  
11.30 pm The Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
8.00 am Said Mass  
10.30 am Parish Mass  
**Fr Robert Wright**  
**07909043811**  
**Robert.wright@northchelt.org.uk**

## Heavitree Parish, Exeter St Michael's (Church Lane)

**Christmas Eve**  
6pm Crib service  
**Christmas Day**  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
8.00am Said Mass  
10.30am Morning Mass with prayers  
round the crib

## St Lawrence's (Lower Hill Barton Road)

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm Crib Service  
**Christmas Day**  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
10.30am Morning Mass

fuller details: **www.heavitreeprish.co.uk**

## St.Helen, Abbottsham

**Sunday 22nd**  
8am Holy Communion BCP, 3pm Lessons  
and Carols.  
**Christmas Eve**  
3.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight  
Mass..  
**Rector: Revd.Derek Arnold**  
**01237 721723**

## SACRED HEART PLYMOUTH

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST,  
SUTTON-ON-PLYM  
with ST SIMON, PLYMOUTH and ST  
MARY THE VIRGIN, LAIRA

**Advent IV**  
Said Mass 9.30am @ St. Mary  
Parish Mass 11.00am @ St. John

**Christmass Eve**  
Mass of the Vigil 5.00pm @ St. Marys  
First Mass of Christmass  
8.00pm @ St Johns

**Christmass Day**  
Said Mass 10.30 am @ St. John.  
Feast of Title of St.John's **27th Dec**  
Parish Mass 10:00am

**For Confessions or information.**  
**email frphillpott@gmail.com**  
**email churchofstjohnhl@btconnect.com**



**The Parish of  
St.Peter & the Holy  
Apostles, Plymouth**

**Christmas Eve**

5.00pm Crib Service at St.  
Peter's, Wyndham Square  
11.30pm Blessing of the Crib and  
Midnight Mass of Christmas at  
St.Peter's, Wyndham Square.

**Christmas Day**

10am Sung Mass and Carols at  
St.Peter's.  
**OCTAVE (including Feasts)**  
10am Sung Mass DAILY in St  
Peters

**Fr.David Way 01 752  
222007  
fr.davidway@gmail.com**

**Holy Nativity,  
Knowle, Bristol**

Advent Carols: Sunday 1st December

6.30pm

**Christmas Eve**

Crib Service for Children 4.00pm  
Midnight Mass 11.30pm

**Christmas Day**

Sung Mass of the Day 10.00am  
**Fr.Steve Hawkins SSC  
07834 462054  
fr.stevenhawkins@googlemail.com**

**St.Luke's, Milber,  
Newton Abbot**

**Sunday 22nd December**

Carol Service at 4pm

**Tuesday 24th December**

Crib Service at 4pm  
Midnight Mass at 11:30pm

**Wednesday 25th December**

Sung Mass of Christmas Day at 11am

**For further information  
contact Fr.Nick Debney on  
01 626 681259**

**Parish of All Saints and St Saviour**

All Saints Church, All Saints, Road  
Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2NL

A Peaceful and Holy Christmas to all  
Everyone welcome

**7.00pm Wednesday 11th Dec  
"Carols by Candlelight"**

**Carol Service  
In aid of Somerset Crimebeat Trust  
"Unlocking Potential"**

*Sunday Dec 22nd*

9.00am Mass /10.30am Parish Mass  
3.00pm Carols at St Saviour Hall

**Tuesday Dec 24th Christmas Eve**

11.00pm Midnight Mass and Blessing  
of the Crib

**Wednesday Dec 25th Christmas Day**

9.00am Low Mass

10.30am Said Mass with Carols  
**Thursday Dec 26th St Stephen's Day**

10.00am Mass

**Sunday Dec 29th the Holy Family**

9.00am Mass

10.30am Parish Mass

**Sunday 5th January Epiphany**

9.00am Mass / 10.30am Parish  
Mass at St Saviour Hall  
Parish Office: 01934 415379

e-mail: [allsaintsandstaviour@btconnect.com](mailto:allsaintsandstaviour@btconnect.com)

Visit our website [www.allsaintswsm.org](http://www.allsaintswsm.org)

**St.Martin,  
Salisbury**

**Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day**

10am Mass of the Day

Daily Mass - contact Fr.David  
Fisher, 01 722 500896  
or visit our website:  
[www.sarumstmartin.org.uk](http://www.sarumstmartin.org.uk)

**ALL HALLOWS EASTON  
BRISTOL BS5 0HH**

**SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

6pm Carol Service

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4pm Crib Service  
10pm Late night Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10am Family Mass

Contact Fr.Jones Mutemwakwenda  
01179551804 [allhallowseaston.org](mailto:allhallowseaston.org)

**BATHWICK PARISHES, BATH**

**St.Mary's**

(bottom of Bathwick Hill) and

**St John's**

(opposite the fire station)

**22nd December**

Nine Lessons and Carols  
(7.30pm, St Mary's)

**Christmas Eve:**

Crib service (4pm, St Mary's)  
Vigil Mass of Christmas  
(6pm, St John's)

Midnight Mass (11pm, St Mary's)

**Christmas Day:**

Sung Mass (9am, St John's)  
Sung Mass (10.30am, St Mary's)

**Normal Sunday services:**

Sung Mass (9am, St John's and  
10.30am, St Mary's)

Evening Services

(alternating venues - see website)

Contact Fr.Peter Edwards 01225 460052  
or [www.bathwickparishes.org.uk](http://www.bathwickparishes.org.uk)

**St. Martin's, Barton.**

Barton Hill Road, Torquay, TQ2 8JA

**Carol Service**

Advent 4, Sunday December 22nd at  
6.00.p.m.

**Christingle and Crib Service,**

Christmas Eve 4.00.p.m.  
Families and children especially welcome.

**Midnight Mass**

Christmas Eve, 11.30.p.m.

**Christmas Morning Mass**

Christmas Day, 10.00.a.m.

Fr.Gorran Chapman 01 803 327223

**Christmas at  
St Martin's Ruislip**

**Sunday 15th December**

6.30pm - Carol Service

**Christmas Eve**

4.30pm - Children's Carols  
6.00pm - Nativity Mass

11.30pm - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

8.00am - Mass

10.00am - Sung Mass

[www.stmartins-ruislip.org](http://www.stmartins-ruislip.org)

**St. Peter on the East Cliff  
The Durlocks, Folkestone, CT19 6AL**

**Sunday 1st December**

10.30 a.m. Advent Carol Service 6.00  
p.m. Sung Evensong & Benediction

**Tuesday 24th December**

9.00 a.m. Mass 5.00 p.m. Children's Crib  
Service, 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25th December**

8.00 a.m. Mass, 10.30 a.m. Sung Mass for  
Christmas Day (no evening service)

**Thursday 26th December**

12 noon: Mass for St Stephens Day

**Friday 27th December**

9.00 a.m. Mass for St John

**Saturday 28th December**

9.00 a.m. Mass for The Holy Innocents

**Sunday 29th December**

8.00 a.m. Mass 10.30 a.m. High Mass with  
Carols - Holy Family (BCP) p.m.

Evening Prayer (6.00 p.m.)

**Tuesday 31st December**

7.00 p.m. Mass

**Wednesday 1st January**

12 noon Solemnity of Our Lady Mother of  
God

**Sunday 5th January**

8.00 am Mass 10.30 am. High Mass with  
Epiphany Carols 6.00 pm Sung Evensong  
& Benediction

**Monday 6th January**

7.30 pm Mass of the Epiphany  
Contact Father Mark Haldon-Jones  
Telephone 01303 680 441  
[church@stpetersfolk.church](mailto:church@stpetersfolk.church)  
[www.stpetersfolk.church](http://www.stpetersfolk.church)

**St Augustine  
Aldershot**

Christmass Eve

5.30 pm Children's Service

11.30 pm Solemn Mass with

Blessing of the Crib

**Christmass Day**

10.00 am Family Mass

**Enquiries, Confessions etc**

**Fr Keith Hodges 01252 320840**

[www.staugustine-aldershot.org.uk](http://www.staugustine-aldershot.org.uk)

**S. Augustine Kilburn**

The Cathedral of North London NW6 5XD

**Christmas Eve:**

5.00 pm Crib Service  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day:**

10.30 Solemn Mass

**See website for daily**

**& Sunday mass times**

[www.saugustinekilburn.org.uk](http://www.saugustinekilburn.org.uk)

**Parish Church of St.Cuthbert w  
St.Matthias, Philbeach Gdns.,  
Earls Court SW5**

**Sunday 8th December**

4pm Community Carol Service.

**Wednesday 18th December**

7.00pm Parish Carol Service.

**Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib Service,  
11.30pm Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day**

10.30am Sung Mass.

**Contact: Father Paul Bagott**

**07711 405750 or 0207 370 3263,**

**email: [frpaul@saintcuthbert.org](mailto:frpaul@saintcuthbert.org)**

**Christmass Services for St  
Luke's Church, Virginia Rd  
Gillingham Kent ME7 1PB**

**Christmass Eve**

Crib Service for ALL  
the excited! 5pm

MIDNIGHT MASS & Blessing of  
the Crib 11.30pm

**CHRISTMASS DAY**

Mass & visit to the Crib  
10.30am.

Daily Mass during the Octave of  
Christmass- 10am each day

**Sunday, December 29th**

Parish Mass & visit to the Crib  
10.30am

**For further information - Fr Garry  
Jenkins – tel 01634- 580433**

**Church website- St Luke's  
Gillingham - [www.wachurchnearyou](http://www.wachurchnearyou)**

**All Saints, Twickenham**

**Christmas Eve**

10pm Mass of the Nativity of  
the Lord.

**Christmas Day**

11am Parish Mass.

**Fr.Alex Lane 0208 894 3580**

**Website: [allsaintstwickenham.co.uk](http://allsaintstwickenham.co.uk)**

**Live liturgy stream: see website for details**

**Follow us on Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/AllSaintsTwickenham](https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsTwickenham)

**St John's Church, Kensal Green  
Christmas**

The Festival of Lessons and Carols  
takes place at 5pm on Sunday 22nd  
December. Midnight Mass is at 11pm  
on Tuesday 24th December,  
Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Day**

The Mass of the Solemnity of the  
Nativity of the Lord is celebrated at  
10am by The Bishop of Fulham,  
after which the bells will ring for the  
first time.

**For details of concerts and Masses after  
Christmas please see parish website  
[www.stjohnskensalgreen.org.uk/welcome.htm](http://www.stjohnskensalgreen.org.uk/welcome.htm)**

**St Mary's,  
South Ruislip**

**Sunday 22nd December**

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve**

3.00pm Childrens' Crib Service  
11.00pm Christmas Carols  
11.30pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Christmas Morning Service

**Sunday 1st January**

noon Mass of Our Lady

**Visit our website for  
news and events**

[www.stmarychurchruislip.co.uk](http://www.stmarychurchruislip.co.uk)

**SAINT ALBAN'S,  
HOLBORN**

**Thursday 5th December**  
7.00 pm Messiaen, La Nativité du  
Seigneur2

**Tuesday 17th December**  
6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve**

3.00 pm Children's Activities  
4.00pm Crib Mass  
9.00 pm Midnight Mass

(Carissimi, Messa concertata)

Anthem - 'Byrd, Hodie Christus natus est'

**Christmas Day**

10.30 am Sung Mass

St Alban's is on Brooke Street and

Baldwin's Gardens

London EC1N

[www.stalbansholborn.org](http://www.stalbansholborn.org)

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

35a Durham Road, East Finchley, London N2 9DP

**Sunday 22nd December**

6.30pm Christmas Carol Service  
*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

**Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve**

3.00pm Children's Christmas Service  
with Carols

11.30pm Sung Midnight Mass  
*with Blessing of the Crib followed by  
wine and mince pies*

**Wednesday 25th December**

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Sung Mass of the Day  
*followed by wine and refreshments*

[www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk](http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/allsaintsef](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintsef)

**St.Dunstan with Holy Angels,  
Cranford, West London.**

The nearest The Society Parish to  
Heathrow Airport.

**Christmas Eve**

11.30pm First Mass of Christmass

**Christmas Day**

10.30am Solemn Mass of the Day

**Sunday 29th**

**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

10.30am Solemn Mass

All Masses are celebrated in the

ancient Parish Church of  
St Dunstan. Famous for its  
Martin Travers furnishings

**Rector: Fr.Michael Gill SSC**

**020 8897 8836.**

**St.Andrew's,  
Deal, Society Parish**

**West Street, CT14 6DY**

**Sunday 22nd December**

6.00pm Festival of the Nine Lessons and  
Carols.

**Christmas Eve**

4pm Christingle, 11.30pm Blessing of the  
Crib and Solemn High Mass of Midnight.

**Christmas Day**

8am Low Mass of the Dawn (BCP, EM),  
10am Solemn Mass of the Day and  
Sermon.

**Church Office 01 304 381131**

**e-mail : [standrewsdeal@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsdeal@gmail.com)**

**St.Gabriel, Pimlico,  
London, SW1,**

Christmas Concert,  
**Tuesday 3rd December 7pm**

Nine Lessons and Carols

**Thursday 19th December 7pm**

**Christmas Eve**

Family Crib service 4.00pm

Midnight Mass 11:30pm

**Christmas Day**

Holy Communion (BCP) 8am  
Parish Mass 10:30am

**Contact Fr.Owen Higgs 0207 834 7520**

**website [www.stgabrielspimlico.com](http://www.stgabrielspimlico.com)**

**St Michael and All  
Angels', Tonbridge Road,  
Maidstone**

CHRISTMAS 2019

**Sung Mass on Sundays at 10:30**

**a.m.**

Low Mass on Thursdays at  
10:30 a.m.

**Sunday 15th December**

10:30 a.m., Sung Mass; 4:30  
p.m. Benediction

**Sunday 22nd December**

10:30 a.m., Sung Mass; 5 p.m.  
Nine Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve**

4 p.m. C



## United Benefice of Calow & Sutton cum Duckmanton

### Advent and Christmas

#### St Mary's Sutton Scarsdale

Church open Saturdays  
30 Nov, 7, 14, 21 Dec  
for refreshments 2-4  
7, 14, 21 Crafty Advent 2-4

**Sunday 22nd** 3pm  
Memorial Service & lighting of  
Memorial Candles

**Christmas Day** 10.30am  
Christmas Eucharist

#### St Peter's Calow

**Sunday 22nd** 10am Requiem &  
Lighting of the Memorial Candles

**Tuesday 24th** 3 pm  
Christingle with Carols at the Crib  
11pm First Mass of Christmas

**Sunday 29th** 10am  
Mass of the Holy Family  
Benefice Carol Service at 3pm  
**Contact Fr Kevin Ball SSC**  
**07401810114**  
**www.calow-sutton-duckmanton-**  
**church.co.uk**

## St.Gabriel's, Fullbrook, Walsall, WS5 4LZ.

**Sunday 22nd December**  
4pm Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight mass

**Christmas Day**  
8am mass  
10am Parish mass

**Fr.Mark McIntyre 01 922 622583**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### ST LAURENCE, LONG EATON

Market Place NG10 1LT (diocese of Derby)

#### Christmas Eve:

4 pm Crib Service  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day:

9.30 am Parish Mass  
*Fr Giles Orton*

Parish Office: 07791596404

### HOLY TRINITY, ILKESTON

Granby Street DE7 8HQ (diocese of Derby)

#### Christmas Eve:

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day:

11.00 am Sung Mass  
*Fr.Tom Barnfather*  
**07570597873**

## St John the Baptist, Coventry

A Society parish

### Sunday 22nd December

10.00am Parish Mass  
6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

#### Christmas Eve

2.00pm Christingle and Crib Service  
11.00pm Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

10.00am Mass with carols

**Fr Dexter Bracey 02476 711687**  
**stjohnthebaptistcoventry.org.uk**

## Parish of Tivdale, Oldbury St Michael's B69 2LQ (SM) Holy Cross B69 1LL (HC)

Late Advent & Christmas 2019

### Sunday 22nd

11 am Parish Mass HC  
5pm Carols & Beer  
@Tivdale B69 1TL

**Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve**  
4 pm Family Crib Service SM  
11.30 pm Sung Midnight Mass SM

**Wednesday 25th Christmas Day**  
10 am Mass of the Day HC

**Fr Martin Ennis 01384 257888**  
**frmennis@gmail.com**  
**www.vicaroftivdale.co.uk**

## All Saints Church, Small Heath, Birmingham.

### Christmas Eve

11.00pm Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

10.30am Mass for all the family.  
Come and see our magnificent  
Neapolitan crib scene.

**www.allsaintsonline.co.uk**

## St Peter's Crabbs Cross, Redditch

**Advent & Christmass Services for St Peter's**  
Sunday Mass in Advent:  
Low at 8am & Sung at 10am

**8th December** 4pm Christingle

**22nd December** 6pm Carol Service

**24th December** 4pm Blessing of  
the Crib & Carols  
11pm Solemn Midnight Mass

**25th** 8am Dawn Mass & 10am  
Mass of the Day

**26th** 10am St Stephen.

**Fr.Mike Bartlett SSC 01 527 545709**

## St Agatha's Sparkbrook & St Barnabas' Balsall Heath Birmingham

### Christmas Eve

Blessing of the Crib and Family  
Mass 6.30 pm at St Agatha's

### Christmas Day

Solemn Mass of Christmas 10.00  
am at St Barnabas'

**Enquiries to Fr. John Luff**  
**0121 449 2790**

## St.Giles-in-Reading

### Christmas Eve

4pm Family Crib Service,  
12am Midnight Mass.

### Christmas Day

9.15am Low Mass,  
10.30am Sung Mass.

Parish Priest Fr.David Harris  
**01 189 572831.**

**Website:www.sgilesreading.org.uk**

## St.Augustine's Edgbaston, Birmingham

(BCP/English Missal)

### Sunday 22nd Advent IV

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

#### Christmas Eve

6.30pm Blessing of the Crib  
11.30pm Sung Mass

#### Christmas Day

8.00am Low Mass  
10.30am Sung Mass

**St Stephen, St John & Holy Innocents Days**  
10.30am Low Mass

Vicar: Fr Matthew Tomlinson  
**0121 454 0127**

**www.staugustines-edgbaston.org.uk**

## All Saints with S. Michael, Shrewsbury

### Sunday 1st Dec.

10.30am

Parish Mass with an Advent Theme

### Sunday 15th Dec.

3.00pm

Nine Lessons and Carols.

### Sunday 22nd Dec.

10.30am

Parish Mass of Advent IV

**Christmas Eve** 4.00 Crib Service,  
11.30pm Midnight Mass of The  
Nativity

### Christmas Day

10.30am

Procession & Sung Parish Mass

### Thursday 26th Dec.

S. Stephen, 12.00noon Low Mass

**Friday 27th** S.John 12.00noon  
Low Mass

**Saturday 28th** Holy Innocents  
12.00 noon Low Mass

**Enquiries: Churchwarden:**  
**Linda Parker 01 952 603839**

## St.Augustine Grimsby

### Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service,  
11.30pm Midnight Mass.

**Contact telephone**  
**number 07941894822**

## St Peter, Bushey Heath.

### Christmas Eve

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

### Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Family Mass with carols

Parish Priest

Fr. Andrew Burton SSC (020 8950 1424)

[www.stpeterbusheyheath.org.uk](http://www.stpeterbusheyheath.org.uk)

*Under the episcopal care of the*

*Bishop of Richborough*

## St Mary at the Elms, Elm Street, Ipswich IP1 2EF

Website [www.stmaryattheelms.org.uk](http://www.stmaryattheelms.org.uk)

Christmas Services: All welcome!

### Carol Service:

Wednesday 18th December 12.30pm

#### Christmas Eve:

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day:** 10.45am Sung Mass

**Contact: Fr John Thackray 07780 613754**

## St.Michael, Thorpe-le-Soken. Near Clacton-on-Sea.

### Christmass Eve

5.00pm Crib & Christingle  
Service,

11.30pm Solemn Midnight  
Mass and Blessing of the Crib.

### Christmass Day

10am Family Mass.

For Daily Mass times see

[www.stmichaelsthorpe-le-soken.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsthorpe-le-soken.co.uk)

### HOLY CROSS, MARSH FARM

A Society Registered Parish.

#### Christmas Eve

6.00pm Family Carol Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the  
Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

#### Christmas Day

10.00am

Sung Mass of Christmas Day  
Mass each day during the

*Christmas Octave*

**Fr Richard Brown SSC 07867494688**

[fr.richard.brown@gmail.com](mailto:fr.richard.brown@gmail.com)

## St. Bartholomew and St Luke Derby.

### Details of Christmas Services

[www.stbartholomewandstluke-derby.org.uk](http://www.stbartholomewandstluke-derby.org.uk)

**Tel: 01332 342806**

## S. Paul's, Hasland, Derbyshire, S41 0JX

### Christmas Eve

6.30pm Christmas Carol Service

### Christmas Day

9.45am Sung Festival Mass.

**S. James the Apostle,**  
**Temple Normanton, Derbyshire, S42**  
**5DB**

**Saturday 21st December** 3pm  
Carols Round the Tree;

**Christmas Eve** Midnight Mass  
11.30pm.

**Fr. Geoffrey Borrowdale SSC**

**Tel 01246 232486**

[www.stpaulshasland.com](http://www.stpaulshasland.com)

[frgeoffrey@stpaulshasland.com](mailto:frgeoffrey@stpaulshasland.com)

## Christmas in Walsingham

### Christmas Eve

4.30pm	Blessing of the Crib	Parish Church
6.30pm	Solemn Vigil Mass	Shrine Church
11.30pm	Solemn Mass of Midnight & Blessing of the Crib	Parish Church

### Christmas Day

8.00am	Low Mass of the Dawn	Shrine Church
11.00am	Solemn Mass of the Day	Parish Church

### S.Stephen, Protomartyr

11.00 am	Solemn Mass	East Barsham
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~ followed by drinks

Fr Harri Williams SSC Fr Kevin Smith SSC

[www.walsinghamparishes.org.uk](http://www.walsinghamparishes.org.uk) [www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk](http://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk)

## St John the Baptist, Lound, Suffolk

### 19th December

Carol Service

### 24th December

Midnight Mass

**Further details from**  
**Fr Glen Brooks 01 502 732420**

## CHRISTMAS AT ST.BARNABAS,OLD HEATH COLCHESTER

### Advent 4

Carols by candlelight 6pm

### Christmas Eve

5pm Crib Service and Christingle

### Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

### Christmas Day

Mass (sung) 10am

**Father Richard Tillbrook,SSC.Vicar.**  
**[fathercap@hotmail.com](mailto:fathercap@hotmail.com) 01206 797481.**

## St Mary de Castro, Leicester

**Christmas Eve** - 11.30pm

Blessing of the Crib and  
Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day** - 9.30 All Age  
Mass

### Thursday 26th December

- St.Stephen - 11am Mass

**Friday 27th** - St.John Apostle and  
Evangelist - 1.10pm Low Mass  
(in traditional language)

**Priest-in Charge : Fr David Maudlin**  
**SSC Tel : 01572 820181**

## Christmas services at St. James the Great and St. Paul, East Hill, Colchester, CO1 2QL

### 4th Sunday of Advent 22nd December

08:00 Mass / 10:00 Parish Mass

#### Christmas Eve

16:30 Blessing of the Crib and  
Christingle Carol Service in aid of The  
Children Society

23:30 Midnight Mass of Christmas

#### Christmas Day

08:00 Mass

10:00 Solemnity of the Nativity of the  
Lord Mass with Christmas Carols

### Thursday 26th December

10:00 Mass of the Feast of St.  
Stephen

### Friday 27th December

10:00 Mass of the Feast of St. John,  
Evangelist

### Saturday 28th December

10:00 Mass of the Holy Innocents

### Sunday 29th December

08:00 Mass

10:00 Parish Mass, Holy Family

### Wednesday 1st January 2020

10:00 Mass, Mary Mother of God.

**Rector Fr James McCluskey**

email -

[officestjamescolchester@btinternet.com](mailto:officestjamescolchester@btinternet.com)

telephone - 01206 860419

[www.stjamesthegreat.wordpress.com](http://www.stjamesthegreat.wordpress.com)

## St Aidan, New Parks, Leicester

### Tuesday 24th December

3.00pm Christingle Carol  
Service

11.30pm First Mass  
of Christmas

### Wednesday 25th

10.00am Mass of  
Christmas  
Morning

### Thursday 26th

10.00am Mass of  
Saint Stephen



**[www.saintaidansnewparks.co.uk](http://www.saintaidansnewparks.co.uk)**  
**Parish Priest Fr.Simon Lumby,**  
**0116 287 2342**

## Benefice of Christ the Redeemer

### St Margaret, Blackfordby & St Stephen, Woodville