

**We are a Fairtrade Church**

Welcome!

*Please take this sheet home with you for reference*



## **23<sup>rd</sup> December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Collect of the Day**

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a**

The LORD says to his people:  
But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of  
Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 1.39-45(46-55)**

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in  
the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's  
home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard  
Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and  
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice  
she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and  
blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so  
favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to  
me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my  
ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she  
who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will  
be accomplished!"

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Saviour,  
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his  
servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me –holy is  
his name.  
His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.  
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost  
thoughts.  
He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent  
the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be  
merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants for ever,  
even as he said to our fathers."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised Saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

For access to the **Emergency Prayer Chain** or to activate the **Pastoral Care Team**, please contact Judith or John Hargreaves (01629) 312165, or 07922-004-930

### NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	6.00pm	Community Carol Service and Closing of the Christmas Tree Festival
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Christmas Eve</i>
	4.00pm	Crib Service - please come dressed as a nativity character if possible
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>
	11.00am	Christmas Day Family Eucharist with carols
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr</i></b>
	9.00am	Said Eucharist
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>John, Apostle and Evangelist</i></b>
	9.30am	Said Eucharist
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>The Holy Innocents</i></b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170</i>

#### Services in this benefice next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am Benefice Eucharist at St Katherine's, Rowsley

**No other services in the Benefice on this day**

#### We support **The High Peak food bank**

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Please note there will be no bell ringing practice on Thursday evening 27 December.

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Saturday 12 January 2019, 4pm

Join us at All Saints Church, Bakewell for a Conducting Workshop with Cathy Lamb ARSCM  
*Tickets £15 each & optional supper.*

RSCM Derbyshire are excited to welcome Cathy Lamb, an experienced organist, amateur and teacher, to lead our workshop in the picturesque Derbyshire town of Bakewell. Among other roles, Cathy is Director of Music Outreach at Lichfield Cathedral School and the main accompanist for Salisbury-based choir Sarum Voices, Cathy is well connected with RSCM as Chair of the Lichfield Area RSCM Committee and a regular workshop leader and teacher. In this workshop she will help established conductors and newcomers with technique and repertoire, with a focus on music for Holy Week. Following the workshop, RSCM Derbyshire would be pleased to welcome attendees to join us for supper in Bakewell.

Please contact Mr Michael Halls at [mvaehalls@gmail.com](mailto:mvaehalls@gmail.com) or 01335 372064 for more details or to book.

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The Wednesday Women's Home Group will restart in January with a new theme for study and discussion. Further details about date, time and venue will be given in the New Year. Contact Jane Proctor 01629 258911.

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If you wish to have anything added to the pew sheet please contact Canon Tony's PA, Emma Raynes, by 10am Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's pew sheet, thank you. 01629 814462 / bakewelljazzypa@gmail.com  
(Please note Emma is on annual leave 21 December – 6 January inc, except for one day in the office on 2 January)

#### **Please remember in your prayers:**

Thy Kingdom Come pledge: Please pray for five of your family, friends and neighbours to know the presence of God's Love in their lives.

**The Community:** For all who live or work locally and this week for those who live in Bakewell on Burre Close, Station Road & Coombs Road.

**The Sick:** Philip Brown, Jacqui Gray, Eleanor Reeves, John Stamp, Cynthia Walker, David Warrington

**The Departed:** Jane Greengrass, Colonel Leslie Wright, Joseph White.