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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

23rd December, 2018

This Week's Hymn Numbers

656, 4, 759, 634, 80, 631

The Week Ahead

- **Monday 24th December** – 3.30pm Crib Service
- **Monday 24th December** – 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- **Tuesday 25th December** – 10am Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday 30th December** – 8am Morning Prayer, traditional language
- **Sunday 30th December** – 10am Holy Eucharist

Prayer for the Week

This week's prayer was written by Susan Sayers

Loving God,
open my eyes to see
what needs changing and putting right
in my thinking, speaking and doing,
because I want to turn away from sin
and turn towards you. Amen.

Rev'd Julie is moving on

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that I shall be leaving St. Patrick's at the end of May 2019. So this will be my last Christmas with you – so I certainly hope that it will be a memorable one for all the right reasons. I shall be taking some time out of ministry and waiting to see where God leads me next. Over the next 5 months or so I will be handing over various roles to different people – so that by the time your interregnum starts you should be well set up to meet the challenges as you await the arrival of your new Vicar. With sincere good wishes Rev'd Julie.

December Newsletter

The December newsletter is now available – thank you to Sarah for her hard work and determination and to everyone who contributes articles.

Prayer Envoy Needed

As you are aware over the past 12 months or so every few months we receive someone from one of the other members of the Shirley Churches Together and we have usually sent Anne Barley to represent us at the other church. The next date that this is due to happen is on 20th January, but unfortunately Anne is unable to do this date and therefore, we need someone else to represent us. This time we will be swapping with St. James Church, Shirley. So if there is anyone who would like to go to St. James' on 20th January – please do come and have a chat with me. All you have to do is say a bit about what is happening in St. Patrick's and I usually write this – so please don't worry about that. Anyone interested please speak to Rev Julie.

Narthex and Food Bank

FOOD BANK: Thank you for all your support over the past 12 months, it has been greatly appreciated. The Foodbank will be giving out parcels for the Christmas period, but will not be open to receive donations until the week beginning 6th January. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Children Society Boxes

Please could you return you children society boxes by the 13th January to Sarah Winnett. Any queries please contact Sarah on 07805117385.

Linen Cleaning Rota: December – Val Sperrey

Brass Cleaning Rota: December – Amy Taylor

Dates for your Diaries

- **Sunday 20th January** – 12 noon Dedication of new Memorial Plaque in Cheswick Green
- **16th February** – Palm Court style afternoon tea
- **Tuesday 5th March** – 7.30pm Lent Bible Study begins – Moving On.
- **Sunday 17th March** – Bishop David is presiding and preaching at our Patronal Festival

Collect at 8am Service

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power,
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas through our sins and wickedness,
we are sore and hindered in running the race
that is set before us,
thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through the satisfaction of thy son our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory,
world without end. Amen.

Collect at 10am Service

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Micah 5:2-51

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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

⁸ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-55

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be ^[a] a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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.

Please pray for those in need

Please speak to Rev'd Julie regarding requests to be included in our prayer book.

Please pray for the departed

Years Mind

If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the prayers, please contact Rev'd Julie.

Next Week's Readings for The First Sunday of Christmas and we welcome Reverend Canon Stephen Mayes

1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-end