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HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS 2022 EPIPHANY 2023



Contemplation – Action – Learning – Living

The church's new year starts on Advent Sunday. This is the year of Matthew's gospel. Advent is the time of 'great' things: the themes of Creation, Judgement, Redemption and Providence. The characters: the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and Mary. And then the Great O antiphons, reminding us of the symbolic names of the coming Messiah: Wisdom, King, Root of Jesse, holder of the Key of David, Dayspring, Lord of all, God with us. In music, light, symbols and words, we keep this time of holy waiting.

As part of our waiting, we are inviting local children to make Christingles and bring them to church before Christmas, to show the coming of the light of Christ. The Christingle was created at a children's service in Marienborn in 1747, when Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus, and created a symbol — the Christingle — to do this. In these days, we are recalling our responsibility for the stewardship of creation and emphasising the importance of putting the elements of the Christingle — especially the orange — to good and sound use!

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, so our services are at 11.30pm on the Saturday night, and then on the Sunday morning at the normal time. It is important that we try to arrange lifts for people who might travel here usually by public transport for these days, as there will be no buses over the weekend. Holy Innocents Day falls on the Wednesday: this is the day when we recall the story of the children killed by Herod in his rage at the deception of the Magi.

We will be keeping the feast of the Epiphany on the Friday, when we hope to welcome back some old friends who have come from a long way away to join us in this anniversary year. The service on the Friday morning will be followed by a lunch in church and the famous 'Kings' Cakes' may yet feature....



ADVENT

Sunday November 27th

President: The Revd Richard Young Preacher: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Readings

Isaiah 2.1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13.11-end
Matthew 24.36-44

Advent 1

Hymns

Hark the glad sound
Gospel Acclamation
Hills of the North rejoice
Awake, awake, fling off the night

Other music: Advent light prayer; People look East, Wachtet Auf

Sunday December 4th

President: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth Preacher: The Revd Jane Walker

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10
Psalm 72
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

Advent 2

Hymns

Hark a herald voice is calling
Advent Gospel Acclamation
Lo, he comes with clouds descending
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Other music: Advent light prayer; Matins Responsory; O thou the central orb

Sunday December 11th

President: The Revd Jane Walker Preacher: The Revd Richard Young

Readings

Isaiah 35.1-10
Magnificat
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

Advent 3

Hymns

The world's fair rose has blossomed
Advent Gospel Acclamation
Hail to the Lord's anointed
Hark, what a sound

Other music: Comfort, comfort now my people; Advent Prose

Wednesday December 14th 9am

St James' School Eucharist

Sunday December 18th

President: The Revd Richard Young; Preacher: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Readings

Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm 80.1-8
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-end

Advent 4

Hymns

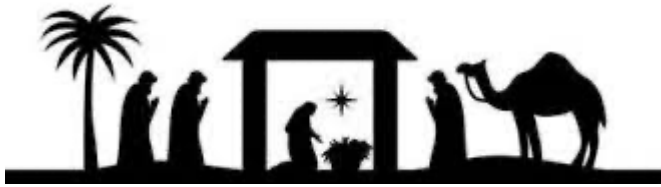
Come thou Redeemer of the earth
Advent Gospel Acclamation
The king shall come when morning breaks
O come, O come Emmanuel

Other music: Advent Light Prayer; I waited for the Lord;

Wednesday December 21st: Shab-e-Yalda Persian Winter Festival

Community Eco-Christingle 3pm.





CHRISTMAS

Saturday December 24th 11.30 pm Christmas Eve

President: The Revd Jane Walker; Preacher: The Revd Richard Young

Readings	Hymns
Isaiah 52.7-10	Hark the herald angels sing
Psalm 98	Gospel Alleluia
Hebrews 1.1-4	It came upon the midnight clear
John 1.1-14	O come all ye faithful

*Other music: Christmas Light Prayer; Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
While Shepherds watched their flocks by night*

Sunday December 25th 10.00 Christmas Day

President: The Revd Richard Young; Preacher: The Revd Jane Walker

Readings	Hymns
Isaiah 62.6-end	See amid the winter's snow
Psalm 97	In dulci jubilo
Titus 3.4-7	Of the Father's heart begotten
Luke 2.1-20	O Little town of Bethlehem

Other music: Little Jesus sweetly sleep.

Wednesday December 28th The Holy Innocents

President: The Revd Richard Young Preacher: TBD

Readings	Hymns
Jeremiah 31.15-17	The great God of heaven
Psalm 124	Away in a manger
1 Corinthians 1.26-29	Once in Royal David's city
Matthew 2.13-18	Puer nobis nascitur

Other music: Before the world began;



Sunday January 1st Christmas 2

President: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Preacher: The Revd Janina Ainsworth

Readings	Hymns
Numbers 6.22-end	Joy to the World
Psalm 8	Gospel Acclamation
Galatians 4.4-7	How brightly shines the morning star
Luke 2.15-21	The world's fair Rose has blossomed

Other music: Tavalod, tavalod, Trysor y Crud

Friday January 6th 11am The Epiphany of the Lord

President and Preacher: The Revd Richard Young

Readings	Hymns
Isaiah 60.1-6	We three Kings of Orient are
Psalm 72	Gospel Acclamation
Ephesians 3.1-12	Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Matthew 2.1-12	In the bleak mid-winter

Other music: Wise men they came to look for wisdom; What shall we give to the child in the manger?

Sunday January 8th The Baptism of the Lord

President: The Revd Richard Young

Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Readings	Hymns
Isaiah 42.1-9	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Psalm 29	Gospel Acclamation
Acts 10.34-43	At the name of Jesus
Matthew 3.13-end	The sinless one to Jordan came

Other music: You shall cross the barren desert;

**Our Advent Charity this year is Safe Passage UK,
a charity that works with the UNCHR, UNICEF
and other organisations
to help child refugees reunite with family across Europe.**

<https://www.safepassage.org.uk/donate>

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