

HOLY INNOCENTS
FALLOWFIELD

Sunday, 4th January 2026
The Second Sunday of Christmas

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words in **bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available.*

The choir may sing a setting of Hymn 28.

Please be as still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.

When the bell rings, please stand. The first verse of the hymn is sung in the original Welsh. Please join in the main verses and refrain.

Pan anwyd Crist ym Methlehem dref,
Canodd angylion nef,
Canu wnawn ninnau'n llawen ein llef,
Foliant i Faban Mair. R...

**When Christ was born in Bethlehem town,
Hear how the angels sing!
Hear heaven's choir call out to the world -
So let our voices ring:**

Sing out for joy, sing out for joy.

Worshipping Mary's child

***Sing and rejoice, both heaven and earth
Worshipping Mary's child.***

**Magi on camels, shepherds with sheep,
Travelled to see the sight
Promised by angels, signalled by stars,
Darkness now chased by light.**

**What can we give of value or worth
Here as we look and see?**

**The cradle's treasure, Jesus our Lord
Born here to set us free.**

***Canu wnawn ni, canu wnawn ni,
foliant i Faban Mair, canu wnawn ninnau'n
llawen ein llef, foliant i Faban Mair.***
(final refrain in the original Welsh - optional!)

*The president today is the Revd Richard Young
Please remain standing for the greeting and act of
penitence.*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*The Eucharist begins with a short act of
penitence and reconciliation:*

Immortal Father, incarnate Word,
look with mercy on your faithful people.

**Forgive us all that is past,
grant us your grace,
strengthen us in our resolve
to grow in love for you and for each other
and to walk in the light of your truth
all the days of our lives.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, grant
us pardon and peace and bring us to
everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his
people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT: the prayer for this Sunday

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer the president says
the Collect. At the end: Amen.*

Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.7-14

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and
declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He
who scattered Israel will gather him, and will
keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord
has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him
from hands too strong for him. They shall
come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,

and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of food, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147.13-end

**Sing to God with joy and gladness,
hymns and psalms of gratitude;
with the voice of praise discover
that to worship God is good.**

God unites his scatter'd people
Gathers those who wander'd far,
Heals the hurt and broken spirits,
Tending ev'ry wound and scar.

Such is God's great pow'r and wisdom
None can calculate or tell;
Keen is God to ground the wicked
And with humble folk to dwell.

God, with clouds the sky has curtained
Thus ensuring rain shall fall,
Earth, responding grows to order
Food for creatures great and small.

God's discernment never favours
Strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who fear him,
trusting in his steadfast love.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.3-14

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND for the Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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The light of the incarnation shines upon us to
reveal the Gospel to waiting hearts.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 1.10-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please sit down for the sermon. The preacher
today is the Revd Canon Alma Servant. After the
sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all
please stand with the president for the Creed:*

Let us proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus
Christ:

**We believe and declare
that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God is both divine and human.**

God, of one being with the Father: the only
son from before time began;

**human from the being of his mother,
born in the world.**

Fully God and fully human;
one human person with mind and body.

**As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.**

Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.

**One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God.**

**Truly one, not by mixing humanity with
Godhead, but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being,
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,**

**the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayer of the
Faithful . After each section:*

Lord in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

*After the final section (for the departed) there will
be a time of silent prayer.*

At the end:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The president introduces THE PEACE:

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:

HYMN 27

The bread and wine are brought to the altar. The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:.....our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRESIDENT asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup.

..... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end:

.....for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ملکوت تو ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، بر زمین نیز کرده بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، و قرض های ما را شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. و ما ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، زیرا را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده. ملکوت وقوت و جلالنا ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمین.

We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, and communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion please join in Before the World began. When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle. After a time of stillness and quiet, please stand with the President.

Let us pray.

After a time of silent prayer:

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: **grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please join in:

1 Put all your trust in God, in duty's path go on; walk in God's strength with faith and hope, so shall your work be done. Commit your ways to him, your work into his hands, and rest on his unchanging word, who heaven and earth commands.

2 Though years on years roll on, God's covenant shall endure; though clouds and darkness hide his path, the promised grace is sure. Give to the winds your fears; hope, and be undismayed: God hears your sighs and counts your tears; God shall lift up your head.

3 Through waves and clouds and storms his power will clear your way; await his time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day. Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command; so shall you wondering own, his way how wise, how strong his hand.

4. You see our weakness, Lord: Our hearts are known to you. Give strength to every failing hand And keep our footsteps true. Let us, in life, in death your steadfast truth declare. Confessing, with our final breath Your love and steadfast care.

Paulus Gerhardt, tr John Wesley 1703-91

PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

MONDAY 5th THURSDAY 8th

1930 Eucharist

SUNDAY 11th The Epiphany

1000 Sung Eucharist with Processions

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Before the world began, one Word was there; grounded in God he was, rooted in care; by him all things were made, in him was love displayed; through him God spoke, and said, 'I am for you'. Life found in him its source, death found its end; light found in him its course, darkness its friend. for neither death nor doubt nor darkness can put out the glow of God, the shout, 'I am for you'.

The Word was in the world which from him came; unrecognised he was, unknown by name; one with all humankind, with the unloved aligned, convincing sight and mind, 'I am for you'.

All who received the Word by God were blessed; sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest. So did the Word of Grace proclaim in time and space and with a human face, 'I am for you'.

John Bell b 1949