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Mission of the Month: Children's Society



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N.B. Please remember to take this Pew Sheet away with you

Welcome to our services today.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL

Sunday 24th December 2017 – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 NO SERVICE
- 1500 Family Carols
- 2330 Midnight Communion

Monday 25th December 2017 - CHRISTMAS DAY

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1000 FAMILY COMMUNION at CHRISTMAS

This Week's Activities

- Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)

Sunday 31st December 2017 – Christmas 1

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service –
Baptism of Billy and Charlotte Cotton

CHRISTMAS EVE (The 8.00 Service)

COLLECT

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be 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: Romans 16: 25-27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith – ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Luke 1: 26-38

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

Glory to you O Lord

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.' ³⁴ 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.' ³⁸ 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ