

FAMILY CAROLS (CHRISTMAS EVE 3.00pm): Come along dressed as a character from the Christmas story (Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Sheep...) and join in our instant Nativity.

DIARY DATES:

Christmas Eve 3.00pm: Family Carols
Christmas Eve 11.30pm: Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 08.00: Holy Communion
Christmas Day 10:00: Family Christmas Communion

Sunday 13th January 2019 10am:

Revd Andy Wilson to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St John the Baptist, Purbrook (no 10.30 service at Christ Church)

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Mission of the Month: Children's Society



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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today, especially to Hunter & all his family & friends, as he comes to be baptised

Please join us for refreshments
after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 23rd December 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
 1030 The 10.30 Service
 (baptism of Hunter Anthony Dyke)

This Week's Activities

Christmas Eve 1500 Family Carols
 2330 Midnight Communion
 (Monday)

Christmas Day 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
 1000 Family Christmas Communion
 (Tuesday)

Friday 1130 Wedding of Nigel Farnham & Jenni Andrews

Sunday 30th December 2018 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
 1030 The 10.30 Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLLECT

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

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” ³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he will be our peace.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Luke 1:39-45

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

Glory to you O Lord

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!”

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