

Christmas 1 (New year's Eve)

Carols from Carol sheet: 14, 18, 21, 5

At Comm: 13.

Collect: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Prayer after Communion: Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayers:

Sunday 24th December, Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve):

ANGLICAN Yola (Jos, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahm
DIOCESAN St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang (Paul Fletcher); St Andrew's, Uddingston (Ian Barcroft, David Jasper, Jonathan Livingstone); St Mark's, East Kilbride (Paul Fletcher)

Daily Prayers

- 25th: Peace throughout the world
- 26th: Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 27th: The Ascension Trust – training Street Pastors
- 28th: Street Pastors, keeping our young “clubbers” safe
- 29th: All the peoples of the world
- 30th: Thanksgiving for the year at an end Sunday

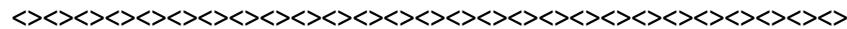
31st December First Sunday after Christmas

ANGLICAN Zululand (Southern Africa): The Rt Revd Monument Makhanya
DIOCESAN St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton (Ian Barcroft)

Daily Prayers

- 1st: Thanksgiving for every new beginning
- 2nd: Love for God and our neighbour
- 3rd: For 'Big Issue' sellers and all trying to make a fresh start
- 4th: Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 5th: Children and young people in distress and despair
- 6th: The work of Deaf-blind Scotland

Please remember in your prayers: Jean Dick, Chris Zochowski, Matthew Whittaker; Pam Bently; Donald Gow; Jean Kinnon, Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Grace Joss and those in the “Prayer Book” at the back of the church.



For the attention of all PARENTS of young children: on 24th December at just before 6pm, the international space station will make a pass over the UK, lasting for about 3 minutes. Clouds allowing, the pass will be bright and clear.

For the attention of all young CHILDREN: on 24th December at just before 6pm, you will be able to see Santa's sleigh flying through the sky.

Please share and spread a little sparkle.....



ST. CYPRIAN'S CHURCH

LINK FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, 2017.

Christmas Services:

Sunday 24th December –

*Normal services in the morning (9.15am and 10.30am.)
5pm – Christingle Service (with refreshments after)
11.30pm: Midnight Communion service.*

Christmas Day – Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Thursday 28th December – Holy Communion at 10.30am in the Choir Vestry.

Sunday 31st December: Services at 9.15am and 10.30am – both Eucharists.