

# ST. CYPRIAN'S LINK — CHRISTMAS 2014

Covering Sundays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December, as well as Christmas Services

## Christmas Services at St. Cyprian's

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

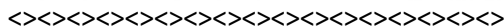
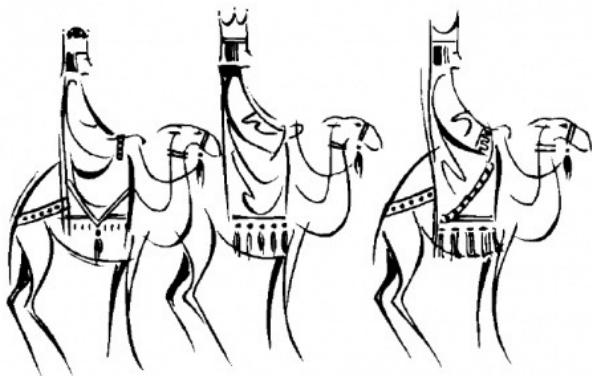
6.30pm: Carol Service (followed by mulled wine.....)  
(Please note the 9.15am and 10.30am services will be held as normal)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

3-30pm: Christingle Service  
11.30pm: Midnight Communion

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am: Holy Communion



#### Our normal services are at:

Sundays: 9.15am and 10.30am – Eucharists  
Thursday 10.00am – Eucharist

At St. Cyprian's we have two pews that we no longer need, and have received permission to dispose of. Our plan is to sell the pews to the highest bidder.

If you would like to make a bid on the pews, please collect a slip from the Rector, and return that slip to him by the end of the year. At the end of the year, we will pass the pews on to the two highest bidders. If you would like to view the pews, one is at the back of church, one on the stage in the hall. We will only allow one person to have one pew! Please also note – the purchaser is responsible for taking it away.

If you would like to get something into the Link please let Les know on 0141-776 3866 or e-mail [rector@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:rector@stcyprianslenzie.com) by teatime on Wednesday evenings. Thanks.

#### Something new – a Christingle Service.....

On Christmas Eve at 3.30pm we will be holding a Christingle service, and would love to see kids of all ages joining us (you can still be a kid at 97.....). If you are free please come along – and please invite family or friends who might appreciate it....



## Christmas

ANGELS	BABY	BETHLEHEM	CHRISTMAS	DONKEY
INNKEEPER	JESUS	JOSEPH	MANGER	MARY
SHEEP	SHEPHERDS	STABLE	STAR	WISEMEN

B R A T S N R G B H J Z  
A C N S H E E P E S J F  
B H G U E A P K T T O F  
Y R E T N X E J H A S W  
B I L R F A E C L B E I  
V S S G E S K P E L P S  
X T S R U G N R H E H E  
K M W S D O N K E Y A M  
R A A B Z X I A M P Q E  
V S O R A Z K X M V C N  
I A G D Y G L O C Z C Q  
H S H E P H E R D S G Y

## PRAYERS

For prayers for the wider church, as well as individual daily prayer topics, please see the following pages.

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Conway; Daphne Fraser; Cynthia Frost, Susan Frost; Kirsty Kilday; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Mark Parry; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Geoff Scobie; Jack Smith; Grace Joss and for all those in the "Prayer Book" at the back of the church.

Please pray for the family and friends of John Burton who has just died.



## Sunday 21st December

**Hymn: 20:** Come to Bethlehem...

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be

made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

### Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah**

Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

**I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;** my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

**The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.**

I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

**My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.**

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

**He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

### Romans 16.25-27

<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

**Hymn: 17:** Hark the Glad Sound

### Luke 1.26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and

said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."<sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Hymn: 5:** O Come, O Come...

**Hymn at Comm: 21:** "Behold" said God...

**Post Communion Prayer:** Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Hymn: 7:** Come and Be....

### Prayer:

In the wider church we pray for the diocese of Kontagora (Lokoja, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim, Bishop. DIOCESAN: All Saints', Bearsden; St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Kirstin Freeman, Fraser Gold, Mike Graham); Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership

### Daily Prayers

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Effective mission and expansion of congregations

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Those who are struggling with doubts

24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Peace throughout the world



## Sunday 28th December

**Hymn: 5:** The First Nowell....

**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.

**Hymn: 7:** While Shepherds watch

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.

**Hymn: 2:** In the Bleak Midwinter...

**Communion Hymn: 1** O Little town...

**Post Communion Prayer:** 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.

**Hymn: 18:** Angels from the...

(Hymns from the Carol Sheet)

### Prayer:

In the world: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East: The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis

DIOCESAN: St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Paul Romano, Eamonn Rodgers); St Oswald's, Kings Park (Vacancy)

### Daily Prayers

29<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Ascension Trust – training Street Pastors

30<sup>th</sup> Dec: Street Pastors, keeping our young "clubbers" safe

31<sup>st</sup> Dec: Thanksgiving for the year at an end

1<sup>st</sup> Jan: Thanksgiving for every new beginning

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: All the peoples of the world

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: The work of Deaf-blind Scotland