



St Cyprian's Link:

22nd - 29th

December



Christmas Services:

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve.

6.00pm: Christingle Service, refreshments after.

11.30pm: Midnight Communion service.

25th December – Christmas Day.

10.30am – Holy Communion.

Readings/hymns/prayers: 22nd December

Hymns from Hymns Ancient and Modern: 31, 30, 26, 131.

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.

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

**Readings/hymns/prayers:
Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day.**

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

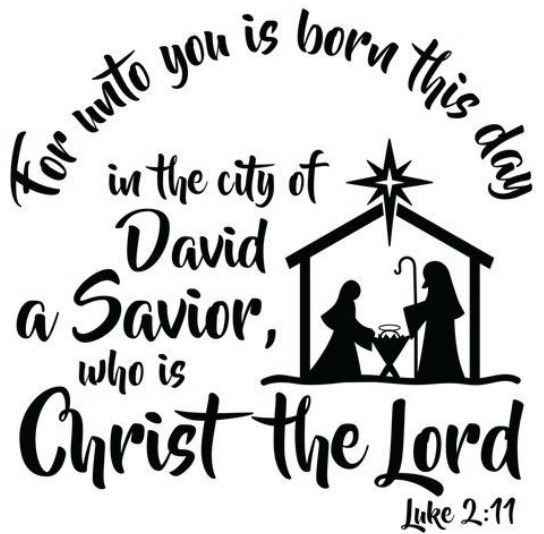
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.



Luke 2: 1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

At Midnight:

Hymns from our Carol Sheet: 16, 23, 26, 12.

At Communion: 15

Collect: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, so bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion: Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On Christmas Day:

Hymns from our carol sheet: 13, 4, 1.

Collect Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

Readings/hymns/prayers: 29th December

Hymns from the Carol Sheet: 19; 22, 3, 7, 18; At Communion: 10,

Isaiah 63: 7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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 for ever 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.

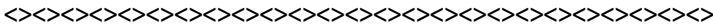
He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of

Don't forget to bring in your used stamps over the next couple of weeks – we have a box at the back of church and they'll be passed on to the RNLI.



PRAYERS - 22nd Dec

ANGLICAN: Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

DIOCESAN: East End Team ministry: St. John the evangelist Bailieston; St. Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St. Serf's, Shettleston. (Jim Benton-Evans; Lucy Ireland)

Daily Prayers

23rd: Effective mission and growth of congregations.

24th: Hope for those who are struggling with doubts.

25th: Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord.

26th: Peace throughout the world.

27th: The Ascension Trust – training street pastors.

28th: Street pastors, keeping young “clubbers” safe.



Prayers - 29th December

ANGLICAN: Gahini (Rwanda): The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo & The Rt Revd Mannasseh Gahima; Gambia (West Africa): Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico.

DIOCESAN: St. James-the-less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Kennedy Fraser, Geoff Scobie). St. Cyprian's, Lenzie (Les Ireland)

Daily Prayers

30th: All the people of the world.

31st: Thanksgiving for the year at an end.

1st: Thanksgiving for every new beginning.

2nd: Love for God and Neighbour.

3rd: For Big Issue sellers and all trying to make a fresh start.

4th: Families, especially those facing problems and divisions.

Bill Watt, Beryl Scott, Peter Mundy; Jean Dick, Pam Bently; Jean Kinnon, Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; and those whose names are in the “Prayer Book” at the back of church.

If there are people you would like included in our prayers or on our prayer list, please let the Rector know.

What's got 12 legs 4 tails and 1 eye? 3 blind mice and half a kipper!

What do you call a hen that counts its own eggsA MATHMACHICKEN.

The Invisible Man and The Invisible Woman got married. Their children were nothing to look at.

Tips for driving in the snow.

Put snow tyres on your car

Drive south

Continue until you see palms trees

Apply brakes and suncream.....