

Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan: Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel and all church leaders. Pray that recent cooperation between government officials and church leaders, particularly in tackling issues of health and poverty, may not be lost.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 21; Exodus 33.12-end; 1 John 2.1-11
Tuesday: Psalm 36; Genesis 37.13-20; Matthew 18.1-10
Wednesday: Psalm 19; Jonah 1; Colossians 1.1-14
Thursday: Psalm 113; Jonah 2; Colossians 1.15-23
Friday: Psalm 102; Jonah 3-4; Colossians 1.24-2.7
Saturday: Psalm 103; Genesis 17.1-13; Romans 2.17-end
Sunday: Psalm 87; Isaiah 12; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.



Weekly News Christmas 2021



WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOUR HEARTS AND HOMES WILL BE FILLED WITH LOVE, JOY AND PEACE AT THIS SACRED TIME OF THE YEAR.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Christmas at St Bart's

Services of Holy Communion

Christmas Day at 8 am & 10 am

Sunday 26th December at 10 am

Christingle Services on the 23rd & 24th December are now fully subscribed.

Via our You Tube Channel

(Livestreamed and then available to view at your convenience)

Carols by Candlelight

Christingle 3pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Holy Communion at 10 am

The You Tube channel is at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2mwesD4RZxknsWth-Qb0vg>

And services resume as usual from Wednesday 29th December with a service of Holy Communion at 10:30 am

December 2021

Christmas

COLLECT

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1st GOSPEL: *John 1.1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2nd GOSPEL: *Luke 2.1-14(15-20)*

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

There were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.