



St Edburgha's Church

Sunday 22nd December 2024

The fourth Sunday of Advent

During the distribution of Communion you are welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.

Hymns 85. 505. 31.

The 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.

All Amen.

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these

are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1.39-45*

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

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

to Abraham and his descendants for ever,

even as he said to our fathers."

Weekly Notices.

Sunday 29th December Joint service at All Saints Stechford Services for Advent and Christmas

22nd December 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

24th December 4pm Crib Service

24th December 11pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

25th December 10am Holy Communion

We remember those in need of our prayers:

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys.



Foodbank needs: Tins of tomatoes, fruit, rich puddings, fish and meat. Jars of jam. Cartons of long-life milk. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

XPM for December: Crohn's Disease - children

Safeguarding. If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913
Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789

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Joan Wall

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Please join us for coffee after the service

