

WORSHIP THE LORD

Sunday.	4th Sunday of Advent (B)
10:30 am	Parish Mass
Celebrant	Fr. Brendon Clover
Christmas Eve	
6:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass at St Saviour's Hall.
11:00 pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib
Monday 25th	December Christmas Day
10:30	Mass of Christmas Day and Carols
Tuesday	All Saints Church
10:00 am	Mass. St Stephen.
Wednesday	No Coffee Church today
6:00 pm	St Johns Clevedon
	Mass. St John Evangelist.
Thursday	All Saints Church
10:00 am	Mass
Friday	St Johns Clevedon
10:00 am	BCP Mass
Saturday	All Saints Church
10:00 am	Mass
Next Sunday	<u>The Feast of the Holy Family (B)</u>
10:30 am	Parish Mass

Pray for Gods People

Those who are in need, including: Enid, Eunice, Gary, Paula, Angela, Mike, Alan, Pam, Emma, Keith, Suzanne, Deirdre, Sarah, Nichola, John, Andy, Shelley, Kimberley, Christine, Julie, Maria, Val, and all who receive Communion at home, all who mourn the death of a loved one, all who are lonely at this time.

Those who have died recently.

And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this including: : Violet Cook (26th), Winifred Britton (27th) Beatrice Broom (27th).

Rest Eternal Grant to them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Calendar and Events

On the 6th of January Fr Brendan would like to remind everyone that you are invited to Tea at the Vicarage 2-5pm. 1 St John's Rd, Clevedon BS21 7TG. Ample parking close by the church and house

There is a "Church Christmas Card" at the back of Church to the congregation you may like sign and maybe make a donation in one of the donation boxes .Also Donations for flowers please to help make our Church beautiful during Christmastide would be gratefully accepted, please see Myra or Janice.

An update on our recent activities.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 9th Dec £370 for church funds

Wednesday 13th Dec Carols by Candlelight raised £800 after gift aid for Weston RNLI. And Thursday 14th Dec the Masons Rose Carol Service raised £354.50 after gift aid for Children's Hospice South West.

Please remember our Foodbank collection box at St Saviours Hall or All Saints Church

Sorry that today we do not have our usual refreshments.

All Saints with Saint Saviour's

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4th Sunday of Advent

24th December 2023

Our Worship Today

Today the weeks and months of preparing for Christmas are almost over. Christmas Day is just around the corner. Another 24 hours and our Christmas celebrations will be under way.

Our Hymns Today

Procession 185	Sing we of our blessed Mother
Gradual 11	O Come, O come, Emmanuel! (v 7 and 1)
Offertory 188	Ye who own the faith if Jesus
Communion 14	The advent of our God
Recession 186	Shall we not love thee, Mother dear

The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel

7:1-16

Although Samuel is a "big man" in his day, he is also sensitive enough to see that it isn't right for him to be dwelling in a spacious house while God dwells in a tent.

Romans

16:25-27

Paul rejoices in Jesus, whose strength enables us to live out the Good News.

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Luke retells the glorious story of the incarnation. Through Mary's unconditional acceptance of the angel's message, Jesus has come into our world as one of us and is like us in all things, apart from sin.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan: "Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 88

RESPONSE: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages." **R.**
3. He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let what you have said be done to me.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" the angel answered "and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God." "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary "let what you have said be done to me." And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.