

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP
SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE

Thank you for coming to church today, for choosing to worship God.
You are most welcome in St. John's Church today.
Refreshments are available after the service, please join us.



READINGS

MORNING (10am)

2 Samuel Ch. 7 VV. 1 – 11 & V. 16.
Romans Ch. 16 VV. 25 – 27.
Luke Ch. 1 VV. 26 – 38.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Isaiah Ch. 52 VV. 7 – 10.
Hebrews Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 4 [& VV. 5 – 12].
John Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 14.

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COLLECT

*O God our redeemer,
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of thy Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he shall come again to be our judge;
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*



PRAYER NOTES

- † The sick of this parish and those people known to us who need His grace: Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay and Mary Mines.
- † Justice, mercy and grace for migrants. Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger.
- † Resolution for the peoples of the Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Nigeria, and peace in Gaza and Turkey.
- † Peace, healing and mercy for the people of Syria.
- † Our mission and ministry in the community.
- † Thanks for our church community and our shared faith.
- † May communities of all faiths bring understanding that you call for love and peace, never hatred.
- † Thanks for our congregation and their fellowship.

Worship in St John's – Additional Services Christmas and Epiphany*

TODAY	3.30pm	Crib Service with Shepherd Little
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity
Monday 25 th Dec	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion with Carols
Wednesday 27 th Dec	9.30am	St John the Evangelist
Saturday 6 th Jan	9:30am	Celtic Morning Prayer of the Epiphany (said)
Sunday 14 th Jan	4:00pm	Epiphany Carol Service

*Services on Sunday at 8am and 10am will continue to be held throughout this period

Shepherd Little

This afternoon at 3.30pm, the Junior Church children will be taking the lead in our Crib Service with the Nativity story of Shepherd Little written by Sara Ridgley and Gavin Mole. If you know any children who would like to take part then just come to the Crib Service dressed as a shepherd, a king, an angel, a star or a camel!



