



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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“By the Resurrection of the Dead.” Romans 1.7



Gospel acclamation Reader: Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.

Response: Alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer B

This morning's music

349 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 451 Long ago, prophets knew
 205 From heaven you came
 463 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
 692 Tell out, my soul
Richard Lloyd: Prelude on 'Cross of Jesus'

This morning's readings

Isaiah 7.10-16 (reader: Robert Nicholls); **Psalm 80**;
Romans 1.1-7 (reader: Barbara Purvis);
Matthew 1.18-25 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh).
Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher.

Prayer at the lighting of the Advent candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your people who long for your coming.

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Advent

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.

Post-Communion for Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

**Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service,
 plus parish lunch today to celebrate Iris's 90th birthday - all welcome**

Gifts &c. for Winter Night Shelter These are being coordinated on Tuesday morning at the Church of the Apostles, Miles Platting. Please tell Leslie Fletcher if you have gift boxes or Reverse Advent Calendars to be taken there.

Today **Retiring collection in aid of refugees from Aleppo**
 3.00pm at St Nick's: Joint Carol Service, with special carols sung by Burnage Community Choir. Please be seated by 2.55pm for the arrival of the Lord Mayor. Mince pies and other seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Christmas flowers Please give Barbara contributions towards flowers in church over Christmas.

Christmas Greetings Board Please contribute a picture, Christmas card, poem or other form of Christmas greeting instead of sending multiple cards to a lot of people in the congregation. All are invited to take part and to donate money saved to the Children's Society.

Christmas services

Christmas Eve:	4.00pm Family Crib Service
	11.30pm First Communion of Christmas with address
Christmas Day:	10.00am Holy Communion with carols and address
New Year's Day:	10.00am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 8 January:	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany

Readings for the First Communion of Christmas

Isaiah 52.7-10 (Reader Jenny Black); **Psalm 96**; **Hebrews 1:1-4** (Reader: Judy Fletcher);

John 1:1-14 (Gospeller: Helen Reid), **Intercessor:** Helen Reid

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 9. 2-7 (Reader: Robert Nicholls); **Responsorial Psalm 97** (Reader: Judy Fletcher);

Luke 2:1-20 (Gospeller: Helen Reid) **Intercessor:** Jenny Black