



"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord," Luke 1. 45

**This morning's music**

722 The Lord will come and not be slow

288 Hark, the glad sound

584 Of the Father's love begotten

774 Thy kingdom come, O God

535 O come, O come Emmanuel

*Wilson: Hymn Prelude on "Rise up, O Men of God"*

**This morning's readings and prayers**

**Micah 5.2-5a** (reader: Craig Ward); Psalm 80;

**Hebrews 10.5-10** (reader: Pam Race);

**Luke 1.39-55** (Gospeller: Helen Reid);

Intercessor: Opal Walsh

**At the lighting of the Fourth 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 Fourth 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.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 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!**

**Post-Communion: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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.

**Readings and readers for Sunday 30 December** (*Christmas Day readings and readers overleaf*)

**I Samuel 2.18-20,26** (reader: Robert Nichols); Psalm 148; **Colossians 3.12-17** (reader: Jenny Black);

**Luke 2.41-52** (Gospeller: Helen Reid); Intercessor: Lewis Oliver

**Tea and coffee are served in the Community Hall after the Sunday morning service**

**Today**

6.30pm Carol Service – a mix of traditional and modern

We have now fully paid our Parish Share – the money we pay to the Diocese each year to support its mission, particularly clergy salaries. Please take a chocolate on the way out to celebrate paying what is always our biggest bill – £22,418 in 2018.

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**Christmas Greetings Board**

Please contribute a picture, Christmas card, poem or other form of Christmas greeting to the greetings board, rather than sending multiple cards to people in the congregation. Donate money saved to the Children's Society.

Take a **#Follow the Star** Christmas card to give to a friend or neighbour.

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**Christmas services**

Christmas Eve	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	10.00am	Holy Communion with carols and sermon
Sunday 6 January	10.00am	Parish Eucharist for The Epiphany

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**Midnight Mass**

**Readings and readers for Christmas Day**

**Isaiah 9. 2-7** (Reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 98; **Titus 2.11-14** (Reader: Jenny Black); **Luke 2:1-20** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh), Intercessor: Helen Reid

**Christmas Morning**

**Isaiah 52.7-10** (Reader: Robert Nichols); Psalm 96; **Titus 2.11-14** (Reader: Barbara Purvis); **John 1:1-14** (Gospeller: Colin Powell), Intercessor: Jenny Black

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**Roger Nichols ...**

... is raising money walking 20K across Thames bridges for Headway – the brain injury association because a family member has suffered brain injuries. Read more of the background and donate at <https://tinyurl.com/Rogers-walk>

**Would you like the notice sheet emailed to you each week?**

If so then speak to Leslie Fletcher or complete the form on St Chad's website [tinyurl.com/notice-sheet-by-email](https://tinyurl.com/notice-sheet-by-email)

**The Night Shelter** needs men's socks and underwear

Friday 11 January

Christian Aid collection at Tesco East Didsbury – volunteers needed. More details soon