



THERE IS NOT A SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. MARGARET'S THIS SUNDAY BUT THERE IS A SERVICE ONLINE BROADCAST FROM THE CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER AT 10.30AM

Sunday 27th December – The First Sunday of Christmas

Collect

Almighty God, who hast wonderfully created us in thine own image and hast yet more wonderfully restored us through thy Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus, the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent. **33. 7-11a**

A reading from the first letter of John. J Hall

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **1 John Ch 1**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So, the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose.

21. 19b-end

HYMNS

Int 370 Joy to the World

Grad 645 The holly and the ivy

Off 641 The first Nowell

Comm 321 Infant holy, infant lowly

Rec 588 See amid the winter's snow

With regard to the Government's new COVID Tier system, we are now in Tier 3, which means we are again offering Sunday and Wednesday services back in St Margaret's Church (9.45am) and Sunday at St George's (11.15am). This is restricted to 30 social distances people at St. M's and 16 at St. G's. We need to adhere to all COVID -19 regulations. Face Coverings must be worn at all times whilst in Church. Please observe the 2-metre rule at all times & do not engage in any social gathering either inside or outside of church. Hand sanitise on entering & leaving church. PLEASE, DO NOT ATTEND if you feel UNWELL or HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE COVID SYMPTOMS in the past seven days. We will be receiving communion in one kind as we did prior to lockdown. Peregrini morning prayer (8.30am) and Compline (8.15pm) are on our Facebook page daily. THANKS

Please Pray For:

The Sick

Nigel Birtwistle, Paul Burgess, Barbara Bushell, Joyce Danso, Andrew Ginn, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, Maureen Jones, Claire Kelly, David Latham, Lisa, Darren Leadbetter, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Nicola Palliser, Musa Rashid, Brian Robinson, Leslie Sharpe, Richard Simmons, Maude Warren, Debra Ward, Yvette Wilton.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Elizabeth Ann Beck, Barbara Cass, Laraine Darlington, Philip Dawson, Marion Dixon, Rita Evans, The Gittins Family, Becky Ginn, Audrey Handley, Bob Hardy, Mary & Colin Hargreaves, Peter Henry, Rev Paul Joyce, Matilda, Martine Rammell, Barbara Peeling, Tom Porter, Bill Potts, Joyce Roebuck, Susan Rowan, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

Nathan Gallagher, Helen Hoolihan, Doreen Sands, Elsie Barnett, Doreen Heywood, Cecil Cole, Hilda Heywood, William Bradley.

Columbarium Flowers:

1. I hope that you had a good, if different, Christmas.
2. Thank you to all who have helped with preparation for our Christmas services, including the flower arrangements.
3. Porch Boxes: As per last Lockdown, St Margaret's Church will be open between 9.30 and 11am on Thursday's for the Porch Box Donations. Many Thanks for your continued support.
4. The Bible Course will resume after Christmas on 4th and 5th January.
5. Thank you to all who contributed to the Children's Society through Christingles.
6. All Notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to David McConville no later than Tuesday please send

to: - mcconvillefamily@uwclub.net 

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