



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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"When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law..." Galatians 4:4

This morning's music

40 Angel voices ever singing
 409 Joy to the world
 625 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
 584 Of the Father's love begotten
 233 Go tell it on the mountain
Elgar: Theme & EDU from Enigma Variations

This morning's readings

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 (Reader: Opal Walsh);
 Ps 148; **Galatians 4.4-7** (Reader: Pam Race);
Luke 2:15-21 (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine),
 Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

This morning's Eucharistic Prayer: A Prayer in the silence after communion

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
 gather the nations to be one family, and draw
 us into your holy life through the birth of
 Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect for 1st Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel acclamation Reader: Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. Response: **Alleluia**

Post Communion: 1st Sunday of Christmas

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service: all welcome

Next Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany: Isaiah 60.1-6 (Reader: Robert Nichols); Psalm 72; **Ephesians 3.1-12** (Reader: Diane Wynn), **Matthew 2.1-12** (Gospeller: Colin Powell), **Intercessor: Opal Walsh**

The Church of England provides this framework for prayers around the New Year

We pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world.

In a world of change and hope,
 of fear and adventure,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

In human rebellion and obedience,
 in our seeking and our finding,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

In the common life of our society,
 in prosperity and need,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

As your Church proclaims your goodness
 in words and action,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

Among our friends
 and in our homes,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

In our times of joy,
 in our days of sorrow,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

In our strengths and triumphs,
 in our weakness and at our death,

Faithful God, glorify your name.

In your saints in glory
 and on the day of Christ's coming,

Faithful God, glorify your name, Amen

Next week and further ahead

Tuesday 2 January	10.00am Morning Prayer (in the Community Hall)
	7.30pm Taizé Evening Prayer at St Nick's (No Holy Communion at St Chad's)
Wednesday 3 January	10.00am Morning Prayer (in the Community Hall)
Thursday 4 January	10.00am Holy Communion

Christmas Greetings to all at St Chad's from Abhi, Esther, Aaron and their family in Jodhpur – where the temperature is around 25°C!

