



We welcome the Revd Keith Justice to preside and preach this morning

This morning's music

39 Angels from the realms of glory
574 O praise we the Lord
267 Good King Wenceslas
463 Lord Jesus Christ
363 It came upon the midnight clear

This morning's readings and prayers

Isaiah: 63. 7-9 (reader: Diane Wynn); Psalm 148;
Hebrews: 2. 10-18 (reader: Pam Race);
Matthew: 2. 13-23 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh)
Intercessor: Helen Reid

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 First 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.

Next Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6 (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 72; **Ephesians 3.1-12** (reader: Jenny Black);
Matthew 2.1-12 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Judy/Leslie Fletcher

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

This week and further ahead

Thursday 2 January 10.00am Holy Communion (in the Vestry)
Tuesday 7 January 7.30pm Holy Communion followed at 8.00pm by PCC meeting
Thursday 9 January 10.00am Holy Communion (in the Vestry)

In his Christmas sermon the Archbishop of Canterbury said:

When we neglect the poor, the weak, when we judge those different to ourselves rather than love, when we do things to people not with them, we defy the example of the light of life, Jesus himself, who in love came to them, with the poorest and most vulnerable. He did not come to the wealthy.

Please put your used stamps into the official box for the Royal Institute for the Blind

Congregational appeal

**- a baby change unit
for the Community
Hall**

There are sometimes babies at our regular services, at baptisms (of course!) and in the week as more community groups use the Hall. A well-engineered fold-away baby change unit will cost about £400, including installation and necessary adaptation of the wall. Thinking about the Infant Jesus in a manger, could you contribute to the cost of this? This appeal will be open until Epiphany – Sunday 5 January