

## SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

### 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

15<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2024

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of three weeks.*

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#### **Collect, readings & hymns for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Collect:** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Readings:**

Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20

Philippians 4: 4 – 7

#### **Gospel:**

Luke 3: 7 – 18

#### **Hymns: *Hymns Ancient and Modern***

27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

526 When Jesus came to Jordan

25 The Advent of our King

501 (NEH) Advent prose

172 Glorious things of thee are spoken,

#### **Collect, readings & hymns for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Collect:** 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. **Amen.**

#### **Readings:**

Micah 5: 2 – 5a

Hebrews 10: 5 – 10

#### **Gospel:**

Luke 1: 39 – 55

#### **Hymns: *New English Hymnal***

11 O come, O come, Emmanuel!

161 For Mary, Mother of the Lord

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
(words on separate sheet)

501 Advent prose

9 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,

### Collect, readings & hymns for Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Collect:** Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:**

Isaiah 9: 2 – 7  
Titus 2: 11 – 14

**Gospel:**

Luke 2: 1 – 20

**Hymns:** *New English Hymnal*

34 Once in royal David's city  
22 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
28 In the bleak mid-winter  
35 Silent night! Holy night!  
30 O come, all ye faithful,

### Collect, readings & hymns for Christmas Day, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:**

Isaiah 52: 7 – 10  
Hebrews 1: 1 – 4

**Gospel:**

John 1: 1 – 14

**Hymns:** *New English Hymnal*

30 O come, all ye faithful,  
32 O little town of Bethlehem,  
42 While shepherds watched their  
flocks by night,  
33 Of the Father's heart begotten,  
26 Hark! the herald angels sing

### Collect, readings & hymns for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Collect:** 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. **Amen.**

**Readings:**

1 Samuel 2: 18 – 20 & 26  
Colossians 3: 12 – 17

**Gospel:**

Luke 2: 41 – 52

**Hymns:** *Mission Praise*

35 Angels from the realms of glory,  
393 Joy to the world, the Lord has  
come!  
83 Come and join the celebration,  
47 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
644 The first nowell the angel did say,

## Intercessions and intentions for the next three weeks

**Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:**

**Sunday Prayer list:** Jan Casey, Sarah Coxon, Jane Park, Cathy West, Hazel Welsh, Lucy Proctor, Fr Gavin, Rabija, Catherine.

**Wednesday Prayer list:** Rocco Allan, Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Deborah Henderson, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Maureen, Tony, Marie, Lottie.

**The recently departed:**

**Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:**

**Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Mary Clark, Les Brown, Ethel Giles, Vera Neville, Norman Robinson, Harvey Walker (priest), John Stevenson, Dilys Palmer, Denis Tapsell, Emily Bibby, Neil Tipple.

**Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Frank Pearson, May Jackson, Etta Thursfield, Ethel Croft, Cicely James, Rita Gell, Leslie Keen, Betty Ingleby, Ruby Walker, Margaret Jones.

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> December:** Mona Aldren, Edward Clayton, Jennie Banks, Garry Day, Frances Price, Kathleen Nicholson, Cordelia Calder, Herbert Calder, Elizabeth Brooks, Denise Rutherford, Joyce Wood, Fred Knott, George Merrilees.

| Prayer intentions for week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> December |  |                                 |
|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Sun 15  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> | <i>The Parish</i>               |
| Mon 16  | Of the day                             | <i>Politicians</i>              |
| Tue 17  | Of the day                             | <i>Our Clergy and Readers</i>   |
| Wed 18  | Of the day                             | <i>The flower guild</i>         |
| Thur 19   | Of the day                             | <i>Emergency services</i>       |
| Fri 20  | Of the day                             | <i>Those who are housebound</i> |
| Sat 21  | Of the day                             | <i>People's Kitchen</i>         |

| Prayer intentions for week commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> December |  |                           |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Sun 22  | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> | <i>The Parish</i>         |
| Mon 23  | Of the day                             | <i>Morpeth Deanery</i>    |
| Tue 24  | Christmas Eve                          | <i>Shelter North East</i> |
| Wed 25  | Christmas Day                          | <i>The parish</i>         |
| Thur 26   | St Stephen                             | <i>Deacons</i>            |
| Fri 27  | St John                                | <i>Evangelists</i>        |
| Sat 28  | Holy Innocents                         | <i>Children's Society</i> |

| <b>Prayer intentions for week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> |                                |                              |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sun 29  | <b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b> | <i>The Parish</i>            |
| Mon 30  | Of the day                     | <i>Our neighbours</i>        |
| Tue 31  | Of the day                     | <i>Retired clergy</i>        |
| Wed 1 Jan   | Naming of Jesus                | <i>Peace in the world</i>    |
| Thur 2  | St Basil and St Gregory        | <i>Orthodox Christians</i>   |
| Fri 3   | Of the day                     | <i>Sacristan and servers</i> |
| Sat 4   | Of the day                     | <i>SWEP</i>                  |

### **Christmas services at St Paul's**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Quiet Christmas                    | Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 6pm       |
| Service of Nine Lessons and Carols | Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm       |
| St Paul's Walk-in Nativity         | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 10am to 1pm  |
| Crib service                       | Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December at 3pm      |
| Midnight Mass                      | Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December at 11pm     |
| Christmas Day Holy Communion       | Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am |
| Christmas Day Eucharist            | Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December at 10am   |

### **Dates for your diary**

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|---|---|
| St Paul's Memory Café at Big Local            | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 3.30pm                                  |
| Advent course:<br><i>Watching and Waiting</i> | Saturday 12 noon to 1.30pm<br>21 <sup>st</sup> December at St Peter's, Monkseaton |
| Week of Christian Unity                       | 18 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                                 |

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