

The Calendar:

26th Dec—Stephen, deacon, first martyr; 27th—John, Apostle & Evangelist;
28th—The Holy Innocents; Feast of St. John;
29th—Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170;

Coffee Shop will be closed on Weds 27th Dec & Weds 3rd January Re-opens on Weds 10th January



DOORWAY SLEEP-OUT in the Churchyard Overnight on 27th January 2018.

EARLY NOTICE: Items for FEBRUARY 2018 PARISH MAGAZINE TO BE WITH EDITOR, JENNY NORRIS BY SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER!!



CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD TO THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

A bit late, but if you would like to sign the big card for everyone in church and make a donation for the Children's Society, please do.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Legal Requirement : To preserve St Andrew's Right of Way through the Churchyard, the Church Gates will be locked for a period of 24 hours, from midnight on 31st December.

Items for inclusion in Pewsheets to be with Ros Harford 01249-812190 rosharf31@btinternet.com By Weds evg.

TICKETS: Jenny Norris /Sue Hollands will be selling tickets today for The Cinderella Opera on Sat 6th January 5 pm—7 pm. Shoestring Opera presents this opera by Rossini. An abridged but staged & costume version making sure none of the touching moments in the story are lost. Production accompanied by a keyboard.

John Rutter Choral Workshop @ Bath Abbey on Sat 20th January 2018. It starts at 10am, costs £20 to include music hire and is planned to finish at 3.30. Tickets from online from Bath Box Office directly.

Website is now up and running again! Do visit it at : standrewschippenham.org.uk and let us know if you can suggest any additions. Our church email address is now st.andrewchurch@zen.co.uk This is the address for all correspondence to the church and office, and is will be forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to your enquiry.

There WILL BE be a Holy Communion Service at 8.30 am on Thurs 28th December, Feast of St John

Mid-Week H.C service : Holy Communion 8.30 am Thursday: Morning Prayer 8.30 am Mondays, Tues, & Sat : Morning Prayer 8 am Wednesdays. Please note that Rod's day off is a Friday

BE JOYFUL!



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C H R I S T M A S E V E

TODAY: SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER

(4th Sunday of ADVENT: Year B)

NO 8 AM HOLY COMMUNION

10 am: PARISH EUCHARIST

Reading: Romans 16. 25-end

Gospel: St Luke 1. 26-38

HYMNS: 182, 670, 634, 350, 631



WARDEN ON DUTY TODAY: GEORGE SILK

CHRISTMAS SERVICES @ ST ANDREWS

Today: Christmas Eve

4 pm Children's Crib Service

7 pm Carol Service

11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY: MONDAY 25TH DEC

8 am Said Eucharist—traditional language

10 am All Age Eucharist

Reading: Isaiah 9. 2-7

Gospel: St Luke 2. 1-14

Selection of CAROLS:



Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas !

NEXT SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

(NEW YEAR'S EVE)

(First Sunday of Christmas, Year B)

8 am ~Said Eucharist—Traditional Language

10 am ALL AGE EUCHARIST

Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7

Gospel: St Luke 2. 15-21

HYMNS: 409, 297, 370, 355, 54

No Coffee/Tea/ refreshments are being served after the 10 am service today 24th December or on Sunday 31st December

BE JOYFUL!



Collect

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord

1st Reading: Romans 16. 25-end

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writ-

ings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen

St Luke 1. 26-38



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the

house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.'³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Je-

sus.³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.'³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.'³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

BE JOYFUL!

Collect

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.

Post Communion

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.

1st Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.⁶ And

because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 2. 15-21



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;¹⁸ and all who

heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Remembering those who have asked for our prayers:

Anne Baker, Mary Beint, Stanley Blake, Tony Bollen, Pauline Buckley, , Lisa Cliff , Helen Deverill, Norman Fox, Steve Goodman, Ken Harrison, Richard Holtham, Carol Iles, Audrey Love, Diane Mansfield, Elizabeth McKinlay-Walker, Mary Neate, Jan Sheppard, Debby Whitby, George Winchester, Judy Winchester, Doris Watt, Eileen Yates; Sharon.

From our visitors: 6 y.o.. James Little, David, Jim, 2 families not named, Peter, Linda
Communion of Saints & the Departed: Rose-Helene (Remy's mother);

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