

Christmas Collections: The collections from the Christmas Services on 24th and 25th December will go to Shelter. Please gift aid your donations if you are a tax payer by filling in the envelopes provided.

Parish Office Christmas Closure: The Parish Office will be closed weeks beginning 19th Dec and 26th Dec. It will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January at the usual time 3.30-4.30pm.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

From Fr Guy, Revd Peter and Revd La. Thank you to everyone for your best wishes cards and presents.

Next Sunday, 1st January 2012, The Naming of Jesus

The Parish Office is open Tues 3.30pm-4.30pm

& Wed 6.30pm-8.00pm. Tel: 01344 425205

Notices need to be in the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday to appear on the following Sunday Pew Sheet.

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St Michael and St Mary Magdalene
Easthampstead
READINGS and NOTICES
Sunday 25th December 2011
Christmas Day

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET HOME WITH YOU

In the event of fire or other emergency please do not panic. The Churchwardens and sidespeople are trained to direct you safely from the building by the most appropriate exit.

10.00am Said Eucharist with Carols

Celebrant: Fr Guy Cole

Preacher: Revd La Stacey

If you are a taxpayer please use a green envelope for your giving. One can be found at the end of the pew. Pens are available from the Churchwardens to complete and sign it so that the tax can be reclaimed.

You are invited to receive the sacrament if you are accustomed to doing so here or elsewhere.

If you bring a young child with you and they become restless, books and toy bags are available at the back of church.

You are invited to stay for coffee after the service in the Annexe.

CS – Carol Sheet

Carols:

Introit: CS 28 O come, all ye faithful
Gradual: CS 12 Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn (**Verses 1 and 3**)
Offertory: CS 32 Once in royal David's city (**omit verses 3 and 4**)
Communion: CS 29 O little town of Bethlehem
Recessional: CS 19 Hark, the herald-angels sing
The numbers are shown below as they are sung.

Introit Hymn: CS 28 O come, all ye faithful

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

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
and give him no rest

until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have laboured;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'
They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading: Titus 3: 4-7

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Carol: CS 12
Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn (Verses 1 and 3)

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of

the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'
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.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Intercessions:

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for the Diocese of York, England and for The Most Revd John Sentamu.

In our Diocese: We pray Parish and District councillors serving the people of the Deanery of Maidenhead and Windsor. The Board for Mission and The Ministry of Christian Healing.

Offertory Carol: CS 32
Once in royal David's city (omit verses 3 and 4)

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen

Recessional Carol: CS 19

Hark, the herald-angels sing

Notices

Dates for the coming week's services can be found in the church porch. For other information look in The Link or on our website.

Parents: To comply with our Safe from Harm Policy please ensure that all children are accompanied to the toilet during services. For Health & Safety reasons please keep your children with you in the Annexe after the service as no one is in church to supervise them. Youth Children & Safe from Harm Committee.

Exploring Faith: A new Exploring Faith course is starting on the 12th January 2012. For more details please see flyer at the back of church.