
Pew-sheet for Sunday 22nd December 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's services

Sunday 22nd December

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom
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Meeting ID 833 3035 8290
Passcode 735361

10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St Peter & St Paul,
Cosgrove

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight at
the church of St Nicholas,
Potterspury

**4.00pm Sunday@Four "All about
the donkey"** at the church of St
Leonard, Yardley Gobion

Liturgical Colour: Purple

Collect for the day

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

***Post Communion prayer for the
day***

Heavenly Father, who chose the
Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of
the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will and with her rejoice in your

salvation; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

**Readings for this morning's
service of Holy Communion**

First Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came
into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have
not desired,
but a body you have prepared for
me;
⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have
come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is
written of me).'

⁸ When he said above, 'You have
neither desired nor taken pleasure in
sacrifices and offerings and burnt-
offerings and sin-offerings' (these
are offered according to the
law), ⁹ then he added, 'See, I have
come to do your will.' He abolishes
the first in order to establish the
second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that
we have been sanctified through the
offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, according to
Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

[⁴⁶ And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God
my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on
the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all
generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear
him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his
arm;

he has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful
from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good
things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made
to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his

descendants for ever.']

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The coming week's services and prayer

Monday 23rd December

8.00pm Compline (Night Prayer)
at Potterspury

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

3.00pm Christingle service at
Wicken

8.00pm First Mass of Christmas
at Potterspury

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

8.45am Morning Prayer on zoom
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**9.30am Christmas Holy
Communion** at Cosgrove

**10.00am Christmas Holy
Communion** at Yardley Gobion

**11.00am Christmas Holy
Communion** at Wicken

11.30am Christmas Praise at
Potterspury

Thursday 26th December

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Sunday 29th December

8.00am Holy Communion at

Cosgrove

9.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom

and in person at Potterspurty

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Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service.

You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspurty Daily around 9am to 5pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Wicken – the church can be opened if anyone would like to go in. Please see the notice outside for details of who to contact.

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Micah 5.2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labour has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm 80.1-8

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦ you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦ before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength ♦ and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God; ♦ show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts, ♦ how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦
you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our
neighbours, ♦ and our enemies laugh us to
scorn.

8 *Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦ show
the light of your countenance, and we shall
be saved.*
