
Pew-sheet for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2024

Christmas Eve/Day services

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Christingle service at the church of St John the Evangelist Wicken

8.00pm First Mass of Christmas at the church of St Nicholas, Potterspurty

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.45am Morning Prayer on zoom

Meeting ID 886 7055 6248

Passcode 056953

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9.30am Christmas Holy Communion

at the church of St Peter & St Paul,
Cosgrove

10.00am Christmas Holy

Communion at the church of St
Leonard, Yardley Gobion

11.00am Christmas Holy

Communion at the church of St John
the Evangelist, Wicken

11.30am Christmas Praise at the
church of St Nicholas, Potterspurty

Liturgical Colour: Gold or White

Collect for the First Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

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**

Collect for Christmas Day

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**

Post Communion prayer for the First Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

God our Father, in this night you have
made known to us again the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ:

confirm our faith and fix our eyes on
him until the day dawns and Christ the
Morning Star rises in our hearts.

To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion prayer for Christmas Day

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

Readings for the service of Holy Communion at Yardley Gobion

First Reading: Isaiah 62.6-12

⁶ 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, ⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸ 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; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.' ¹² They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Titus 3.4-7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵ 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. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 2.8-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' ¹⁵ 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.

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

Readings for the service of Holy Communion at Potterspurty, Cosgrove and Wicken

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Gospel: John 1.1-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself

was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

The coming week's services and prayer

Thursday 26th December

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](mailto:mary.mcvay@btinternet.com) 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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Wishing everyone a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

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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