

Dates for your diary

3rd Advent 1 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.
4pm Evensong.

7th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

10th Advent 2 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

14th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

17th Advent 3 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

4pm Carol Service at St. John's.

19th Tuesday 6.30pm Carol Service at St. Columba's.

21st Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

24th Advent 4 and Christmas Eve 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

4pm Crib Service at St. John's.

11.30pm Holy Communion at St. John's.

25th Christmas Day 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

26th St. Stephen's Day 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

28th Thursday No service at St. John's.

31st First Sunday after Christmas 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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A Christmas reflection

Mary and Joseph were people in a country under occupation. The Romans ruled them and told them what to do. They had little or no say about their circumstances. They were moved around at the whim of an Emperor.

We pray for those with no voice, who cannot decide where they live, who are oppressed by forces beyond their control. We ask that we will remember them and be their voice when we can.



The innkeeper had little to offer but gave what he could.

We thank you, Lord, for those who share what they have, whether it be little or much, with others. Help us to be generous like them.

The shepherds were poor people who lived ordinary lives, but their lives were changed and their vision was transformed on that night.

We praise you for the way that you transform the lives of ordinary people. We pray for Christians all over the world as they live for you, and we ask that you will give them vision as they tell others about you.





✦ **The wise men** were people who were searching, looking for the meaning in life.

We pray for all those who are dissatisfied and are

searching for the truth. We pray that they won't be confused by the things of the world, but will find Jesus, the source of all truth.

To make Advent special, could I encourage you to take part in one of these on-line Advent calendars. A few moments each day will help us to make Christmas truly special this year.

<https://advent.tearfund.org/>

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/adventchallenge/>

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/advent-2017-who-are-you-waiting-A>



No matter where you journey this Christmas, may you find your greatest Gift at the manger.

Heartlight.org - aYearwithJesus.com - VerseoftheDay.com



Services for Advent and Christmas



Sunday December 3rd 4pm
Evensong

Sunday December 17th 4pm
Carol Service at St. John's

Tuesday December 19th 6.30pm
Carol Service at St. Columba's



Christmas Eve
10.30am Holy Communion
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day
10.30am Christmas Communion



Tuesday December 26th
10.30am

St. Stephen's Day Holy Communion

No service on Thursday December 28th