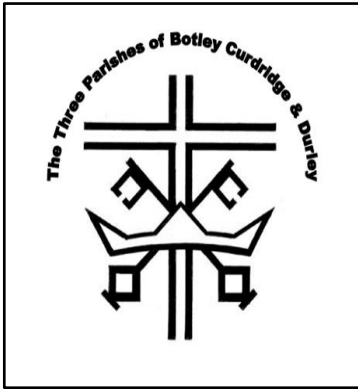


# Welcome

# December 23rd Last Sunday of Advent



## Today

8am	Holy Communion	B
10am	Parish Communion	B
10am	Parish Communion	C
10am	Parish Communion	D

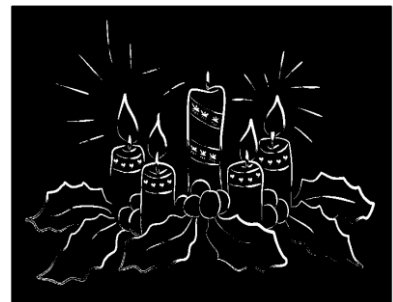
## Readings:

Micah 5: 2 – 5a (OT pg 671)  
The Ruler from Bethlehem

Luke 1: 39 - 45 (pg 43)  
Mary Visits Elizabeth

## Collect:

O God our redeemer,  
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of thy Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as  
our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him when he  
shall come again to be our judge;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever.



*Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Preparing to Receive  
God's Light of Love*

## HERE TO HELP

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Rector/Vicar: Rev. Gregg Mensingh



## Christmas Prayer from Roots

Lord God,  
as we welcome you this Christmas  
and celebrate your birth, help us to  
pray:  
with your words, your longing, your  
hope,  
your joy, your compassion.  
That your kingdom may truly come  
and all creation celebrate your presence  
among us  
through pain and happiness,  
where there is need and where there is  
plenty.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
Child of the crib and Prince of peace.  
Amen.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Crisis workers and Salvation Army members as they cook for and look after the homeless and lonely over the Christmas period.

Our headteachers Joe, Kirstie and Sally, may they come back refreshed after the Christmas Break

All members of our Ministry Team

### **Those to be married:**

Biva Ouro-Gnao and Emily Hughes

**The sick:** Mark Tolliday, Paul Dolton, Grace Swinburn, Kerrie Saegert, Jill Coomber, Veronica Jackson

### **Hackney Link**

St Mary, Stoke Newington

*Dilly Baker*

*Tony Sheeran*

*Graeme Watson*

*Matt Wall*

St Mary and All Saints, Droxford

St Andrew's, Meonstoke with  
Corhampton

St Peter and St Paul, Exton

*Tony Forrest*

St James, Southwick and St Nicholas,  
Boarhunt

*Simon Brocklehurst*

The Bishop of Portsmouth

*+Christopher Foster*

### Church Office

As well as the Bank Holidays the office will also be closed on Friday 28th December.

### **Window Cross**

This month the light is being sponsored by David Burgess in memory of his sister Claire who died in December, and his parents, Peter and Mary.

**Messy Church** do not need any further items until January. We will let you know what we then need. Thank you

### **All Saints' Charity Christmas Card**

A beautiful card has been made by Flutterbies this year. The chosen charity is Crisis. If you would like to sign the card and put a donation in the tin that would be lovely. You can do this instead of giving cards to all your church friends or as well as giving individual cards. It is entirely up to you!

### **Dates for your Diaries:**

**Christmas Eve** Crib Services, Durley 3pm, Curdridge 3pm and Botley 5pm  
Midnight Communion Botley 11.30pm and Durley 11.30pm

**Christmas Day** Botley Communion 8am and 10am, Curdridge 10am and Durley 10am.

**Dec 30th** Nine Lessons and Carols Botley 6.30pm

**Jan 12th** Free Concert to welcome the New Year Botley 12.30pm

**Jan 25th** Sixties Meal Delicious food, great fun and (of course) sixties music - kaftans, flairs and miniskirts optional! Tickets £15 from Gill Mulley (01489 860587. Memorial Hall Durley 7.30pm

**Feb 1st** Christingle Service. Durley School 2.45pm

**Feb 2nd** Advent to Candlemas Revisited. Join All Saints' Chamber Choir as they lead you on a Musical journey through the whole of Christmastide. Tickets £12/£10 available from the Church Office. Botley 7.30pm

**Feb 3rd** Christingle Services. The last services of the Christmas Season raising funds for the Children's Society. Botley and Curdridge 10am

**March 2nd** Call My Bluff with a music flavour. Posh ploughman's included. Tickets £12/£10 available from the Church office. Botley Market Hall 7.30pm

<b>Christmas Eve Office Closed</b>		
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Christmas Day Office Closed</b>		
<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th Office Closed</b>		
<b>Thursday 27th</b>		
<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Wedding</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Office Closed</b>		
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>- 1st of Christmas</b>		
<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>United Parish Communion</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>B</b>

