

V/. And the Word was made flesh;

R/. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R/. **That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus
Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Cross and
Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrec-
tion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Recessional: 'And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed'
- Handel**

*Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased. This is
integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore applause is
not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary
& St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the West (Tower)
door. The Priest will be outside in the churchyard.*

Masses this week:

SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am FAMILY MASS at All Saints
Intention: The Parish

**Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
10:30am Mass at All Saints
Intention: For the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Wednesday Feria
6:00pm Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: for the sick and suffering

Friday Feria
12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For our beloved dead

NEXT SUNDAY: THE THIRD (GUADETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am FAMILY MASS at All Saints
Intention: The Parish

Prayer after Mass:

*"Personal prayer is the meeting place between the Eternal
One and me; the Blessed Sacrament is the visible sign of my
covenant with him.*

*This is why I believe in personal prayer, and why every day I
wait to meet him in the Eucharist. To pray means to wait for
the God who comes."*

Carlo Carretto, 'The God Who Comes,'
London, Darton, Longman and Todd.

PARISH NOTICES

All Saints - Major Project: as you will know, from previous an-
nouncements, All Saints has been undergoing a transformation
recently to create space for teaching and fellowship and to install a
Multi-media System with a Hearing Induction Loop. As of Friday of
last week the works are complete, and we look forward to future
possibilities to enhance All Saints mission and ministry and its part-
nership with the Calverton Apprenticing Charity in providing Adult
Education Classes.

St Mary & St Giles - Sacristy/Office Roof, Walls and Drainage: as
previously reported, there are major problems with water ingress
from the sacristy roof. Quotations received thus far indicate that the
repairs will cost £50k +VAT (we should be able to claim the VAT
back). On Thursday of last week the Rector submitted a grant ap-
plication for £25-£30k. Even if successful this will leave us a consid-
erable sum to raise, and the Rector is exploring other sources of
grant funding - although the sums available could be far less. Help
with sourcing grant funding would be appreciated. Thank you.



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6th December AD 2020



2nd Sunday of Advent

*Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example
of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the
"apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread
and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)*

2 December 2020 - From Bishop Jonathan:

At last, Friends, the second – and for many, many people the much
more testing – lockdown is over! And even if our secular lives have to
continue under the tiered restrictions system, thanks be to God we are
free, on Sundays and weekdays, to return to church once again to
worship together.

You have read many times my encouragement not to fail to meet
together for the Eucharist. I want to encourage you with the same
encouragement again. That is first, because it is the Lord's command:
'Do this in memory of me'; and because as St Paul says, 'For as often
as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes'; and also because it is, as one of the greatest saints
of the early church said, the Body and Blood of the Lord is 'the medi-
cine of immortality', a medicine *all Christians need*. We do it then 'for
the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his
Holy Church'. Your clergy and PCCs have been scrupulous and gener-
ous in making churches safe for public worship. *Please do not hold
back.*

As to prayer in your home, I hope that the Advent daily prayer scheme
that I have prepared for us all will be something that you will be joining
in with: using the paper leaflet I prepared, or by logging on to the
website or my Facebook page daily. In this way we can all prepare,
with the support of one another's fellowship in prayer in a way that
gets crowded out in normal years, for a blessed and holy Christmas.

I want to end with another prayer you may like to use each day – and
even commit to memory – which is among those that is keeping me
going through these long months:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless,
and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.
Though Christ the Lord. Amen.

God bless you and keep you.

+ Jonathan

INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ Only 3 or 4 **Church Bells** are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ **Entry and exit** to our Parish Churches - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be an **social gathering** in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a small choir and Organ Music played.
- ◆ **Collections:** Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ **'The Peace'** may not be shared physically. We may however join our own hands and bow to each other at The Peace.
- ◆ **When going forward to receive Holy Communion** - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ **'Receiving Holy Communion'** is in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands - not on the tongue.
- ◆ **Please maintain a two metre distance** from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ **Lavatory Facilities.** Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there is a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that we are able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.

Prayer Thought

Today we hear the joyful news of God's coming. We are told to prepare ourselves, to wait in peace and hope, sure that God is coming. So, let us join in spirit with Isaiah and John to prepare a way for him.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: Veni Emmanuel - Edward Bairstow

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND, and the Cantor sings the **Introit Antiphon:**

O people of Sion behold, the Lord cometh to redeem the nations: and He will make you to hear all of the glory of his voice in the glory of your heart.

V. O Shepherd of Israel hearken *

✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The **Communion Antiphon** is sung by the Cantor after the Priest has received Holy Communion:

R/. Jerusalem rise up and stand on a high place! And behold the wonderful joy that cometh unto thee from thine own God!

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem *
praise thy God O Sion!

He strengthens the bars of thy gates *
grants blessings to Thy people.

He grants thee peace on thy borders *
and feeds thee with finest wheat.

He reveals His word to Jacob *
His statutes and rules to Israel.

He hath not done this for any other *
He hath not revealed it to them.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: Gottes sohn ist kommen BWV600 - JS Bach

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

Prayer after Communion (STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of which the people acclaim: **Amen.**

All then pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

(STAND) THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and blesses them using a form appropriate to the Season:

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

'THE ANGELUS'

The Memorial of the Incarnation

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
R/. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R/. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.

(STAND)

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

O Thou that leadeth the flock of Joseph.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
and also with you.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The priest lights the second Candle on the Advent Wreath in honour of the Prophets, and then leads the people in prayer

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true, to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Penitential Rite

(STAND)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries:

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria in excelsis is omitted during Advent.

The Collect

Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

(Old Testament Page 609 in the Bibles) The Jews were in exile, and these prophecies of the coming of the Messiah are given through the prophet to console them.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 85)

R/. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. ®

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. ®

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him,
and peace shall follow his steps. ®

The Second Reading

2 Peter 3: 8-14

(New Testament Page 200 in the Bibles) Peter is writing about the end of the world, 'The day of the Lord'. He does not say it will come soon, but that we do not know when it will come. We should therefore live holy lives.

Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight:
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

(New Testament Page 30 in the Bibles) Let us listen to what Mark has to say about John the Baptist. Note how one of the passages of the first reading is applied by Mark to John.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

STAND

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *all bow during the next three lines*

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We

acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, the coming of our Redeemer was foretold by the prophets and heralded by St John the Baptist. Mindful of their call to repentance and holiness of life let us beseech God's mercy for all mankind...

Intercessor: That the holy Church may reveal the glory of the Lord for all peoples to see, that she may be healed of all her transgressions, and that the bishops may promote for justice, mercy and peace.....

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. Lord, graciously hear us.

For the nations of the world and their governments that they may always seek the common good, foster peace, and act with integrity....

For our parish and the strengthening of our common life, that God may bestow upon us the grace needed to allow others to see God at work in our lives. May he also bless us with the grace and resources needed to sustain and further the work of mission and ministry within our parish...

For all those who are in pain or suffering at this time, either in hospital or at home, especially....Shirley, Jane, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard Desousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Theresa, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Eric, Davida Wiseman...

That those who have died may enjoy light, pardon and peace, in particular we are asked to pray for the souls of... George Davis, Carl Done, Dale Marshall, Sylvia Mundy, Charles Smith, Danny Stott, Joan Thompson, Bob Wain, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them..6th Douglas Goodridge, George Hardy; 7th Thomas Hawkins, Eric Tompkins, Wyn Hearne, Doris Scawen, Amy Cox, Peggy Lewis; 8th Peggy Yoeman, Cyril Mallows; 9th Enid Meacham; 11th Thomas Foolkes; 12th Kenneth Fossey...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Most loving Father, look upon the needs of your people and grant, we beseech you, grant our petitions as we prepare a way for your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar. The Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon:

O God Thou wilt surely turn and shalt quicken us, and Thy people shalt rejoice in Thee: O show unto us dear Lord, Thy loving kindness, and Thy salvation grant to us..

Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond: Blessed be God for ever.

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.