

**St Lawrence's Church**  
**Notices for the week starting 24th December 2017**

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**Holy Communion**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

559 O little town of Bethlehem

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 (p1026)

649 See amid the winter's snow vv 1,2,5,6

Reading: Luke 1: 46 - 55 (p1026)

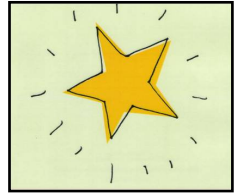
592 Once in royal David's city

*(During this hymn a collection will be taken)*

59 Away in a manger

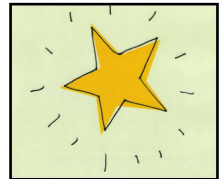
447 Little donkey

692 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!



**Collect**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**Response during prayers**

*either:*

*or:*

Lord, in your mercy Lord, hear us;

**hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**



Please pray for all those on our prayer tree

If you wish to pray for a particular person or situation please add a label to the prayer tree



† **Fund Raising – pink envelopes** Sunday 17th December £268.22 which include £195.00 from the December Tuesday Café open day. You are making a big difference to the things we can do to fund work on the fabric of our building (such as investigating the repairs to the North Transept floor). Thank you.

† **December** has been a very busy month as we followed the star and prepared for the Coming of Jesus. Let us find time to wait in peace and quiet and as we light the Advent Candle pray for hope, peace, joy and love.

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting our many events,

- for preparing and staffing the church
- for making refreshments including our famous cakes
- for preparing flowers
- for cleaning the grounds
- for leading prayers, singing, reading, performing in the nativity
- for putting Christ at the centre of your celebrations

† **Special thanks to Greswell School** for presenting their Social Media Nativity, for filling the church to overflowing!! and for the very generous donations raising £350 for church funds

**Please take this notice sheet home to help your daily prayer and to remind you of all the events and services**

## Forthcoming events in December / January

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Christingle Service First Communion of Christmas	4:30pm 9:30pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Family Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion	10:15am
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Holy Communion – Joint Mission Partnership Service	10:30am
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Funeral of Helen Parker	10:00am
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Holy Communion with Bishop Mark	10:45am

### Star Prayer

Be, Lord Jesus, a bright flame before me, a guiding **star** above me, a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me: today, tonight, and forever.  
Amen



**We have followed the star  
and arrived at the manger**



**We can celebrate not because we arrived but because  
HE CAME to us**

**May you find HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE  
as the greatest GIFT of all  
came to us**

**Jesus son of God**