

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Tuesday 24th December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3.00pm	Rehearsal for Crib Service Open the Book
	4.00pm	<b>Crib Service</b>
	11.30pm	<b>Midnight Mass of the Nativity</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
<b>Wednesday 25th</b> <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy Crèche
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Christmas</b>	
	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	1.00pm	<i>Churches Together Christmas Lunch at SportAbility, Braywick Park</i>

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL Sunday 22nd December 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Please take this pew sheet home with you to look at the readings again,  
and to remind you of the events taking place.*

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**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** Collect and Readings: as below  
**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Jeremy

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**10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Service:** *Sundays in Advent*

**Hymns:** *Ancient & Modern*

**Celebrant:** Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude

A Virgin most pure

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Hymn

**30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**26 (v 4) Mary's gift beyond all telling.**

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

O T READING

Isaiah 7: 10 — 16

*Rachel Juden*

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.'

EPISTLE

Romans 1: 1 — 7

*Roger Simpson*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*With our prayers, Fr Jeremy & Monika  
& our Churchwardens, Ann & Ken*

**Gradual Hymn**                      **85 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came**

GOSPEL                                  Matthew 1: 18 — 25

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon                                      Fr Jeremy

**Offertory Hymn**                      **45 O come, O come, Emmanuel**

**Communion Hymn**                  **313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord**

**Closing Hymn**                        **394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord**

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Organ Postlude                      Fugue on 'Magnificat'                      *J S Bach*

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Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church  
thanks to Carol Deverill & Alison Leigh

**6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX      NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**  
followed by seasonal refreshments in the Parish Centre

*Father Jeremy's Notes*

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Philip Scotcher last week at the remarkable age of 99. Philip had just recently celebrated the birth of his first grandchild. He was a regular member of the Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist congregation and Sadie, his wife, continues to share the Eucharist with us. We remember Sadie and John, their son, in our prayers at this time. Philip's funeral will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham at 10.45am. The family will have a church service later in the year probably May.

*Wishing you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**OTHER NOTICES**

**Decorating the church for Christmas**

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** from 9.30am and shall be most grateful for any help you can give us. No experience needed, we shall be there to help you.

Also, we are in need of greenery, particularly holly or variegated colours. Please bring any you have or are able to acquire from friends and neighbours to the church by 9.30am or leave it outside the vestry door the day before. Many thanks for your assistance.

**FLOWERS FOR 2020** The new Flower Rota is on the cross aisle table; please add your name to the week you wish to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see, and to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays etc. Sponsoring a week ensures that we are able to have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC Funds of any cost whatsoever.