

# *Christmas Day*



## *Holy Communion with Carols*

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2024*

*8am & 9.30am*

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St Andrew's is a Christ-centred,  
sacramental, inclusive, thinking,  
prayerful, mission-oriented faith  
community

*Welcome to St Andrew's Church. We are pleased to have you join us for worship, and pray God's blessing be upon you this Holy Day.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### *Hymn*

- 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him born the king of angels:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!***
- 2. God of God, Light of light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore him...***
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God in the highest':  
*O come, let us adore him...***
- 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him...***

*Words: Latin. 18<sup>th</sup> cent., possibly by John F. Wade (c. 1711–86) tr. Federick Oakeley(1802-80) Music: possibly by John F.Wade arr. David Willcocks(b.1919)*

### *Greeting*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Advent has finished. Our time of waiting and preparation is over. We have lit the candles on the Advent Wreath – the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Now – today – we light the Christ Candle.

*(The white candle is lit)*

We pray, Gracious God, that as Jesus came to be the light of the world, so his light may shine in us, and be seen by all the people we meet. May we shine with Christ's love and with Christ's light.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Welcome*

Welcome to this celebration of the coming of Christ into the world. With the family of God's people all around the world, we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ. In word and song, in prayer and sacrament, let us once more worship the Christ child, the one born to be Prince of Peace, King of kings and Lord of lords. As the angels sang with joy to the Shepherds, so let us now join in praise to God:

*Hymn of Praise (said)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

*A silence is kept.*

God Most High,  
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us,  
that we might live in your presence:  
grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich  
is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to  
which we are called in the Word made flesh;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*First Reading: Isaiah 62: 6-12*

*After the reading*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 97 (said)*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:  
let the multitude of islands be glad.

<sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him:  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup> **His lightnings light the world:  
the earth sees it and quakes.**

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before his face:  
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:  
and all peoples have seen his glory.**

<sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who serve idols  
and glory in mere nothings:  
all gods bow down before him.

<sup>8</sup> **Zion heard and was glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:  
because of your judgements, O God.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:  
you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,  
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous:  
and joy for the true of heart.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

*Second Reading: Titus 3: 4-8a*

*After the reading*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

*Hymn (please stand)*

1. **While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.**
2. **'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind),  
'glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.**
3. **'To you in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:**
4. **"The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing-bands,  
and in a manger laid.'**
5. **Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels, praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:**
6. **'All glory be to God on high,  
and to the world be peace!  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth  
begin and never cease!'**

*N. Tate (1652-1715) altd.*

*Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-14*

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John,  
chapter one, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Reading*

For the gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon (please sit)*

*Affirmation of Faith (please stand)*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**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 and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

### *Prayers*

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

We pray for the whole human family. May a new sense of shared humanity dawn upon us this Christmas and unite us in care for one another and for all that God has made.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who dwell in the lands where Judaism, Christianity and Islam came to birth. May the tide of violence that has engulfed them recede and allow a new era of peace to take its place.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for families and friends gathering together to celebrate Christmas. May they do so in a spirit of joyful love, and wherever necessary with mercy and forgiveness.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have no secure shelter, both the homeless in our midst and the many millions in refugee camps around the world. May we become more determined than ever to work for their relief.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are isolated, lonely or imprisoned at this festive time. May we reach out to them and freely offer them the precious gift of our time.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are travelling today and through this week, especially drivers on our roads. May they take due care and arrive safely at their destinations.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**



We pray for those to whom the birth of Christ means nothing or brings no joy. May our celebration of Christmas show them the grace-filled wonder of the incarnation.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

We remember the recently deceased,  
and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.  
May they join the angels and saints  
in the heavenly hymn of God's glory.

Holy God; **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### *Invitation to confession*

Christ the Grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us bring our weaknesses and our infirmities to Him, confessing our sin in penitence and faith.

Loving Father, you chose us to be your children; we are sorry we do not love our sisters and brothers, other children of yours.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, born as a helpless child; we acknowledge we do not care well for the poor and powerless.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary and she conceived by your power, empower us to be your children and forgive us when we do not emulate Mary's obedience.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

*The Priest says*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sin, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand for The Greeting of Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Hymn (please stand)*

- 1. Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle-shed  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.**
- 2. He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**
- 3. And our eyes at last shall see him  
through his own redeeming love.  
For that child so dear and gentle  
is the Lord in heaven above.  
And he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.**

**4. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him: but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high  
when, like stars, his children crowned  
all in white shall gather round.**

*Charles Wesley (1707–88) altd.*

*Prayer over the gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us. In your Word made flesh  
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life, he offered  
the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

### *Breaking of the Bread*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

### *Please sit or kneel for the Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### *Invitation to Communion*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## *Administration of Communion*

*Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).*

*Please do not intinct your Communion wafer into the wine, but receive them separately.*

## *Hymn during Communion*

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**
- 2. O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.**
- 3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

4. O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

*Philips Brooks (1835–93) altd.*

1. Silent night, holy night:  
all is calm, all is bright  
round the virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night:  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born."

3. Silent night, holy night:  
wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ our Saviour is born,  
Christ our Saviour is born.

*Joseph Mohr 1792-1848 tr. John F. Young 1820-85*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### *Prayer after Communion*

God of heaven, dwelling among us,  
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.  
By your grace keep us ever faithful  
to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world  
we may bring your presence to all people.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.

*Notices*

*Hymn (please stand)*

1. Hark! the herald-angels sing  
‘Glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.’  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem.’  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings,  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Charles Wesley (1707–88) altd*



## *Blessing*

May the joy of the angels,  
the wonder of the shepherds;  
the generosity of the wise ones;  
the gentleness of Mary;  
the kindness of Joseph;  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas day;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Organ Postlude at 8.00am: 'For a Festive Occasion' by Alec Rowley (1892-1958)*

*Organ Postlude at 9.30am: Te Deum Prelude by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704)*

Organists: Ian Gray (9.30am) and Brian Wheatley (8am)

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## Notices

- ❖ **FROM THE PATRONAGE COMMITTEE:** The commissioning of The Rev'd Tracey Gracey as Rector of the parish is to take place on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm**. Please pray for her as she prepares for her new role, and for us as we receive her into this community.
- ❖ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEALS: ABM, CHRISTMAS BOWL:** Envelopes are available at the back of the church for both appeals: they can be returned by post, or through us. For more information, or to donate online, for ABM visit [www.abmission.org/Advent2024](http://www.abmission.org/Advent2024) and for Christmas Bowl visit [mycb.link/48095](http://mycb.link/48095)

## Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 25 December</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>
Friday 27 December	Office closed until Weds 15 January
<b>Sunday 29 December</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (said)</b>
<b>Christmas 1</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion (sung)</b>
Friday 3 January 2025	7.30pm Bellringers' practice (Tower)
Saturday 4 January	11.30am Baptism - Alice Cunningham (Church)
<b>Sunday 5 January</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion (said, w hymns)</b>
<b>Epiphany</b>	
<b>Sunday 12 January</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion (said, w hymns)</b>
<b>Baptism of our Lord</b>	
Wednesday 15 January	9.30am Office reopens, until 5pm
Friday 17 January	9.30am Office open until 5pm 10.00am Staff meeting (Office) 10.00am Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
<b>Sunday 19 January</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion (said, w hymns)</b>
<b>Epiphany 2</b>	
Wednesday 22 January	9.30am Office open until 5pm
Friday 24 January	9.30am Office open until 5pm 10.00am Staff meeting (Office) 10.00am Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
<b>Sunday 26 January</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion (said, w hymns)</b>
<b>Epiphany 3/Australia Day</b>	

### Readings for next Sunday (First Sunday after Christmas)

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Psalm: 148

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Rosters for today, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier  
Readers: 8.00am Janet Martin  
9.30am Lyn Dow  
Prayer Leader: 9.30am *Volunteer needed*  
Lay Assistants: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*  
9.30am *Volunteer needed*  
Server: 9.30am Michael Thomas  
Welcomers: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*  
9.30am *Volunteers needed*

Rosters for this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas 1)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier  
Readers: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*  
9.30am Suzanne Sexton  
Prayer Leader: 9.30am Michael Hillier  
Lay Assistants: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*  
9.30am *Volunteer needed*  
Server: 9.30am Jennifer Harris  
Welcomers: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*  
9.30am *Volunteers needed*  
Morning Tea 9.30am Sharon Gray; Heather Wheatley.  
Cake: Sharon Gray

Rosters for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 (Epiphany)

Celebrant & Preacher: 9.00am The Rev'd Michael Hillier  
Readers: 9.00am TBC  
Prayer Leader: 9.00am Brian Wheatley  
Lay Assistants: 9.00am Donna Coombe  
Server: 9.00am Michael Thomas  
Sidespersons: 9.00am Brian Zwar; Brian and Heather Wheatley  
Morning Tea 9.00am Needra Silva; Sally Zimmerman; Helen  
Hancock