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Mission of the Month: Children's Society



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N.B. Please remember to take this Pew Sheet away with you

Welcome to our services today.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL

Monday 25th December 2017 - CHRISTMAS DAY

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1000 FAMILY COMMUNION at CHRISTMAS

This Week's Activities

Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)

Sunday 31st December 2017 – Christmas 1

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1030 The 10.30 Service –
Baptism of Billy and Charlotte Cotton

I come let us adore Him

CHRISTMAS DAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9: 2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Luke 2: 1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you O Lord

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And every-one went to their own town to register, ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ