

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

DECEMBER 23RD 2018
4TH SUNDAY ADVENT

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings

First reading; Micah ch5 v 2-5a
Second Reading; Hebrews ch 10 v 5-10
Gospel; Luke ch1v 39-45

Hymns

Introit; **EH 11 (omit 2,3)**
O Come ,O come Emmanuel
Gradual; **EH 1**
Creator of the stars of night
Offertory; **EH 405 (tune365)**
Lord of the boundless
Communion; **EH 18**
Ye servants of the Lord
Post Communion **EH 12**
On Jordan's bank

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.

DECEMBER 25TH 2018
CHRISTMAS DAY

Readings

First reading; Isaiah ch52 v 7-end
Second Reading; Hebrews ch 1 v 1-4
Gospel; John ch 1v1-14

Hymns

Introit; **EH 24 (omit 4)**
Christians awake
Gradual; **EH 21**
A great and mighty wonder
Offertory; **EH 30 (omit3,4)**
O Come all ye faithful
Communion; **EH 19 v 1,2,8**
Come thou long expected Jesus
Post Communion **EH 33 v 1,2,7**
Of the Father's heart begotten

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.

Events this week

23th	Sunday	10am	Sung Eucharist	church
25th	Sunday	10am	Sung Eucharist	church
30th	Sunday	10am	Sung Eucharist	church

Regular monthly events

1st Thursday	2pm	Women's Fellowship	church hall
1st Saturday	10am	Coffee Morning	church hall

REMINDERS

NO CAMEO MEETINGS UNTIL MARCH

5th Saturday 10am Coffee morning church hall

Please pray for;

the sick; Dan Bishop, Fred Bowskill,
Martin Cotteril, Kathy Cullimore, Pam
Goodman, Elizabeth Graham, Joy Gray,
Mandy North, Mary Rose, Stuart Rose,
Tim Wheeldon.

Years Mind;

17 Rebecca Hurley
20 Eva Barlow, Linda Goodman
21 Kenneth Finch, Denis Pepper
22 Colin Cullimore

- That all is peaceful at Christmas
- Those who die for their faith. (St Stephen 26th)
- Families who have lost children (Holy Innocents 28th)
- Give thanks for the gospel writers (St John 27th)

Christingle

Who could fail to be moved as the reception class walked carefully to the front of the nave, carrying their Christingles. They were then lit by the staff, and the lights were switched off as they sang 'Away in a Manger'. Then on the count of 3 they all blew the candles out and returned to their places. This set the pattern for the rest of the service, as each class came out in turn. There were readings, and prayers then on a lighter note at the end, the Sweet Nativity. During this, the sweets were handed out randomly and the finale was the scattering of Celebrations among the pupils. You may find some missed ones under your seat!

Priest in charge:

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A Sweet Nativity!

It all began with a girl called Mary, who heard a WISPA from an angel who told her that she would give birth to Go's son. But how could this be? She was not yet married to Joseph, she would be the talk of the village. But an angel also visited Joseph, and this gave him the BOOST he needed to marry Mary and look after her special baby.

But before the baby arrived events overtook them, and Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem. It was miles away, a MARATHON of a journey. They had to travel on a donkey because in those days they couldn't just hop on a DOUBLE DECKER. When they arrived in Bethlehem all the hotels were full but eventually, they found a kindly inn keeper who said he could FUDGE something together in a small outhouse, and it was there that the baby was born. He was named Jesus, which means Saviour.

That night, quite late, probably AFTER EIGHT, some shepherds heard singing in the sky. Angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest" at first, they thought their ears were playing TWIX. But the angels told them to go and find the baby. When they got to Bethlehem, they found Mary and Joseph with the baby lying in a manger of all places! Certainly, no bed of ROSES! They REVELLED in the thought that this child was special and after worshipping him they returned home with {Turkish} DELIGHT, singing praises to God.

Meanwhile in a far country there were some wise men who some people called SMARTIES. They were busy scanning the GALAXY and observing the PLANETS when they saw a new star in the MILKY WAY. Could this be MARS? No, it was a special STAR {bar}, signalling the birth of a king. They packed a PICNIC and rode across the desert.

They went to Herod's palace – he was MINTed! They HOBNOBBED with him to see if he knew about this royal birth. Herod was very interested, but deep down he could hardly conceal his SNICKERS. He didn't believe them and thought theM ALL TEASERS. So, to distract them he decided to FUDGE the issue and told them that he would go and worship the baby too if they reported to him on the way back. The wise men set off again following the {magic}STAR and when they found Jesus

they offered him their BOUNTY, nearly ALL GOLD with some Frankincense and Myrrh as well.

That's just a few HIGHLIGHTS from the Christmas story. The Bible tells us that Jesus was born so that ALLSORTS of people might come to know God's love for them. Like the shepherds and the wise men many people are looking for meaning and purpose. The Jesus of the Nativity is no MIN-IATURE HERO and the Christmas story is really a cause for CELEBRATIONS.

With thanks to Charlotte Hickerton

(Head teacher)

If you cannot find any left under your seat by the school children please join in the CELEBRATIONS by helping yourself to some from the tub at the back!



