

Services & events this week

Friday 21st Stable Concert 12.30 the Fairground
6.30 Carols around the village in Hatherden & 8.30
The Old Bell & Crown

Sunday 23rd Christmas Songs of Praise 10.30
Weyhill, normal 4th Sunday services in all other
churches

Monday 24th

Charlton 3 pm Children's Service, 5 Pm Carol
Service 11.30 Midnight Communion

Hatherden 2.30 & 4 pm Crib Service

Tangley 11 pm Midnight Communion

Weyhill 11 pm Midnight Communion

Smannell 5 pm Crib Service 11 pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th

Charlton 10 am Family Service

Hatherden 10 am Christmas Day Service

Penton 10 am Christmas Day Service

Enham 10 am Christmas Communion

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those who will be on their own or are
homeless this festive time.

Our family, friends and neighbours, as we all rush
around may Gods love keep us strong and safe as
we prepare and travel for the big day.

All those who are working in our hospitals, care
homes, prisons and in hospitality over the festive
season may they know God will be with them.



Readings This Week

Mic 5 2 – 5a Canticle Magnificat or Ps 80 1 - 8
Heb 10 5 – 10 Luke 1 39 – 45 [46 – 55]

Next Week

1 Sam 2 18 – 20, 26 Ps 148 (or 148, 1 – 6)
Col 3 12 – 17 Luke 2 41 - end

Words of Encouragement

By Revd Alex

Zephaniah 3: 14
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart!

As Christmas approaches, the Church's message through
this time of advent is...Rejoice!

Zephaniah urges us: Sing aloud ... Rejoice and exult with
all your heart! Paul, in Philipians states: Rejoice in the
Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Yet we might ask: Rejoice? Now? It can be so easy to look
around the looming problems of the world through a lens
of anxiety and fear and question this notion - Rejoice?

However, and perhaps thankfully, Prophets see beyond and
deeper than what's in front of us. Isaiah tells us in the
psalm: The Lord, your God, is in your midst.

Can we really experience this in the now, along with major
concerns?

The lectionary has been focusing on John the Baptist who
calls us to strive for God's justice, to build the Kingdom
and share in its goodness. He challenges us as we the
approach the birth of our Lord by stating - Do not extort!
Be honest! Be Christ-like and leave control and the
outcome to God! Hope in the Lord, and ... rejoice!

Bev and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you
all for being such a wonderful community to rejoice
with! We wish you a very Happy Christmas and look
forward to journeying with you all over the next year in
hope of what exciting plans the Lord will lead us in to.

May our Lord of love richly bless you and bring you hope!

Love and prayers

Alex & Bev

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Sunday 30th Benefice Service 10 am Charlton