

Porthcawl Churches Notices

Tues 24th Dec St David's 11am Crib Service
 St John's 6pm 9 Lessons & Carols
 All Saints 11pm 1st Mass of Christmas

Wed 25th Dec "Times as on a Sunday morning"

Thr 26th Dec 10:30 St David's Mass "St Stephen"

Fri 27th Dec 10:30 St John's Mass "St John the Evangelist"

**NEWTON NOTTAGE
 PORTHCRAWL
 CHURCH IN WALES**

Advent 4

Welcome to our service today. If you are visiting,
 please make yourselves known to us.

SERVICES THIS WEEK (Advent 4i) 22nd December 2024

SUNDAY
 8.00am – Mass at All Saints Church
 8.30am – Mass at St John's Church
 9.30am – Sung Mass at St David's Church
 10.00am – Sung Mass at All Saints Church
 11.15am – Sung Mass at St John's Church
 5.00pm – Mass at St David's Church
 4.00pm – Evensong at St John's Church

MONDAY
 Mal 3:1-5; Ps 25:1-15; Lk 1:57-66
 O Emmanuel!

TUESDAY
 11:00am – Crib Service St David's Church
 6.00pm – 9 Lessons and Carols St John's Church
 11:00pm – 1st Mass of Christmas All Saints Church
 Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-12 Jn 1:1-14
 Christmas Eve

WEDNESDAY "Times as for Sunday am"
 Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Tit 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
 The Nativity of our Lord

THURSDAY 10.30am – Mass at St David's Church
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3c-4:6,8ab,16bc,17; Mt 10:17-22
 St Stephen First Martyr

FRIDAY 10.30am – Mass at St John's Church
 Ex 33:7-11a; Ps 117; 1Jn 1:; Jn 21:19b-25
 St John Apostle

SATURDAY Jer 31:15-17; Ps 124; 1Cor 1:26-29; Mt 2:13b-18
 The Holy Innocents

Future Events

Sun 29th Dec 8am / 8:30am Said Masses ONLY

Joint Ministry Area Mass 10:30 Margam Abbey

Please use the **YELLOW BUCKETS** in Church
 to donate toiletries for the homeless and the
PURPLE BUCKETS for donations to foodbank. Thank you.

If you would like to contribute to the life, work and witness of
 our Churches, then please use the **Gift Aid envelopes** if
 donating cash. Alternatively, you could scan the QR code below
 if donating electronically or use the card
 machine located in St John the Baptist Church.
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Please pray this week for:-

Those who are sick:

S – Sharon Evans
 S – Alwyn Hill
 S – Sam Langmead-Thomas
 S – Sion Thomas
 S – Jack Cosby
 S – (baby) Amelia Rose
 M – Betsy Williams
 M – Olive Hayes
 M – Carol David
 M – Jackie Bateman
 T – Paul Maine
 T – Samantha Lott
 T – Merion Dodd
 T – Oscar Humphries
 W – Antonia Farrell
 W – Rodney Carrol
 W – Eric Stockdale
 W – Jayne Gould
 W – Doris Sadeghi
 T – Diana John
 T – Elizabeth Griffiths
 T – Barry Griffin
 T – Liz Jones
 T – Gill Williams
 F – Philip Dickinson
 F – Beryl Pillinger
 F – Dave Bond
 F – Richard Evans

Those who have died:

S – Emlyn Evans
 S – Winifred Lewis
 S – Robert Roberts
 S – Irene Morgan
 S – Edna Williams
 S – Dennis Dutt
 M – Minnie Hyatt
 M – Pamela Cooper
 M – James Hill
 M – William Townley
 M – John Griffiths (Pr)
 M – William Hutchinson
 M – Charlotte Sagar
 M – Roberta Loveday
 T – Hettie Davies
 T – Len Protheroe
 W – Marion Owen
 W – Megan Clayton
 W – Paul Monks
 W – Clive Morley
 T – Ann Harding
 T – William Jones
 T – Marion Dixon
 T – Norman Stanley
 T – Jesmond Davies
 F – Joseph Clare
 F – June Powell
 S – David Hutchinson
 S – Viv Warwick
 S – Peter Gardner

ADVENT 4 (C)

Candle prayer

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle; to you be praise and glory for ever! Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God for ever.

Collect

WHO are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your Word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever **Amen.**

A reading from the Prophet Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80



Shine forth, O Lord God, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock, shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts, show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears, you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

A reading from St Paul's letter to Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**I am the servant of the Lord:
let it be to me according to his word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 1:39-55

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.