

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th December 2021 **Advent 4**

8.30am BCP Communion, in church, not on zoom

10am Third Sunday Service, on zoom only (not a communion service)

Readings

Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1: 39-55

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, in church and on zoom

To join the services on zoom, please look for the joining button on the website.

NEXT WEEK

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve **24th December, Christmas Eve**

2.30pm Christingle 1
(<https://christingle1-trumpington.eventbrite.co.uk>)

4pm Christingle 2
(<https://christingle2-trumpington.eventbrite.co.uk>)

(Please register for Christingle, there is no charge for the tickets, but we need to be mindful of numbers so are asking families to register their place)

11.30pm Holy Communion, in church, not on zoom

25th December, Christmas Day

8.30am BCP Communion – in church, not on zoom

10am Holy Communion - in church and on zoom (no Junior Church)

Sunday 26th December, St Stephen's Day and first Sunday after Christmas Day

10am Common Worship Holy Communion, in church, not on zoom

Readings

Acts 7:51-end; Matthew 10:17-22

Filming

Please note that our Zoom services may capture the image of participants at the service. If you have any objections please speak to the Churchwarden or the Vicar.

WELCOME

Please do visit our website www.trumpington.church for more details on the Sunday Services, and for resources to use at home.

Do keep an eye on the church website for a link to streamed services

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PRAYERS AND READINGS THIS WEEK

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Micah 5.2-5a

² But 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land and
tread upon our soil, we will raise against
them seven shepherds and eight installed
as rulers.

Luke 1.39-55

39 In those days Mary set out and went
with haste to a Judean town in the hill
country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit⁴²and exclaimed
with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to
me, that the mother of my Lord comes to
me?'⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of
your greeting, the child in my womb leapt
for joy.⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment of what
was spoken to her by the Lord.'

46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the
Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God
my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with
favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will
call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has
done great things for me, and holy is his
name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has
shown strength with his arm; he has
scattered the proud in the thoughts of
their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the

powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, have mercy on us, we pray.

As we ponder the Christmas story, please pray for Christians throughout the Middle East, and especially for Christian communities in the Holy Land.

Closer to home, pray for charities and agencies who provide meals and shelter for the homeless.

Let us pray for our families and friends, that they may be able to enjoy the Christmas celebrations despite the restrictions. Pray for safety when travelling.

Pray for all who work in our emergency services at this busy time.

(Please send other prayer requests to the Vicar)

CHURCH NEWS & NOTICES

(Please send any notices to the Church Office by 9am Tuesday)

Receiving Communion

When receiving the sacrament can we all please follow a one-way circuit round the church, as directed by the Churchwarden, to maximise social distancing.

Home Groups

I would like to encourage us all to consider joining some form of home group, whether for reading books, Bible Study or prayer. Each group would determine its meeting frequency and when and where it met. I am aware from talking among us over the last 2½ years, that there is a latent demand, particularly for Bible Study. The value of home groups is that apart from giving us the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith, they also nurture us as a congregation. Inevitably some may find a group "Not for them" and possibly move group or withdraw, but I would like us to try. Initially my aim is to try and match us in groups with a specified leader and see how it develops. I do hope that you will join with me in praying that it may be a beneficial development for the life of the church. (Mandy)

Donations

Please note that we are not passing the collection plate during our services. However, you are most welcome to leave a donation towards the work of the church by using the plate on the warden's pew after the service or by using the Goodbox. Thank you for your generosity.

Flowers in Church

If you would like to sponsor some flowers to go into church to commemorate an anniversary, we warmly invite you to be in touch with Edmund, the Churchwarden/ Treasurer.

CCHP

Go to **CCHP.org.uk** to sign up for hostel volunteering in the pop-up winter hostel on Chesterton Road. There are lots of volunteering opportunities to help with meals, cleaning or playing board games, etc.

Here's something to highlight in the Christmas TV guide

Alpha UK presents *Is God Dead?* with Guvna B, airing on TBN this December. The show explores topics such as healing, prayer, social action, forgiveness and there's even a Christmas special! It's the perfect thing for your congregation or potential guests to tune into who are thinking about faith or considering Alpha. You can catch this every Thursday and Friday in December at 8pm (apart from Christmas Eve!) on TBN finishing with the Christmas Special on Thurs 23rd December. They can also watch the series on our global Alpha YouTube from this Friday.

M&Ms – (Youth Group for young persons aged 9+)

Meets each month in either Trumpington or Newnham.

For further info please email Natalie on childrenandfamilies@stmarksnewnham.org

Singing

If anybody would like to form part of a small choir singing in the chancel please email Alan Howard on choir@trumpington.church

The next choir practice will be at 9.30am on Sunday January 2nd 2022. If you are interested in singing, just turn up.

Reading & Praying

If you would like to read the bible passage during services on Sundays, or if you would like to do the Prayers of Intercession, please can you contact the Churchwarden or the Vicar. We can talk you through what is involved. It would be great to have some more volunteers for these roles.

Advent Collection for Trumpington Food Hub

This year, we are having a collection of items for the TFH. If you would like to contribute, please choose from the items below. It is hoped that we can take the collection to the Food Hub in mid-December so that they can go in Christmas hampers. **Please leave your contribution in the North Chapel in the box provided.**

Mini Christmas puddings/ cakes
Mince Pies
Tuna or salmon tins
Eggs
Long life milk
Hot chocolate mix
Corned beef tins
Crackers
Tooth paste
Strong tin foil
Baking parchment

COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTICES

Trumpington Clothes Hub

You might have noticed a blue plastic box in the Bakehouse porch? This has been placed there by the *Trumpington Clothes Hub* who are collecting good quality children's clothes for redistribution to Trumpington families. If you have any good quality children's clothes that you want to donate, please do put them in the box.

On behalf of Mandy, Stephen, and Edmund we wish everybody a very happy Christmas and a good start to 2022!

Thank you for all the cards that we have received.