

READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p692 LP p1191)

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

New Testament: Romans 1:1-7 (p1128 LP p1955)

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-end (p965, LP p1686)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the reading) This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

COLLECTS

The 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.

Amen

Additional 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

GET IN TOUCH

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*If you have something that you would like to see in the **The Fold on a Sunday**, please e-mail it to office@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk by the **Wednesday before**.*

THE FOLD

St John's Church, Waterbeach & All Saints' Church, Landbeach

Sunday 22nd December 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

You are especially welcome if you're here for the first time or visiting. Please do stay for refreshments after the morning service. Should you need assistance, have a question or just want to say hello, come see whoever was leading the service or greeted you at the door. *We would love to meet you!*

THIS SUNDAY

All Saints' Church, Landbeach

St John's Church, Waterbeach



10am
6pm

Holy Communion
United Village

10.15am
3pm

Parish Communion
with Kidschurch
Carol Service



THIS WEEK & BEYOND

Tuesday 24th December

4pm

Christingle Service (LB)

11.15pm

Midnight Holy Communion (WB)

Wednesday 25th December

10am

Christmas Communion (LB)

10.15am

All Age Christmas Morning Service (WB)

Friday 27th December

10.15am

Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day (WB)

Sunday 29th December

10am

Benefice All Age Holy Communion (LB)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR DATES

Sunday 22nd December	3pm	Carol Service	St John's Church
	6pm	United Village Carol Service	All Saints'
Christmas Eve	4pm	Christingle Service	All Saints'
	6.30pm	Carols on the Green	Waterbeach Village Green
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion	St John's Church
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	All Age Christmas Morning Service	St John's Church
Friday 27th December	10.15am	Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day	St John's Church
New Year's Eve	11.45 pm	Prayers, followed by Bell Ringing at Midnight	All Saints'

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

All Saints' Foodbank

The all-hours food bank is in the South Porch. If you would like to contribute items to the food bank, fresh vegetables or tinned or packaged items would be gratefully received. (Please no home made food.) For more information, speak to Jane Oakes on 07740282387.

Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day

There will be a Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day on December 27th at 10.15am. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Job Vacancy

I have been Treasurer of the PCC for over 20 years and I think it is time to stop! I've put the word out but, as yet, no response from anyone who might like to take over. The job is not huge but could be shared, particularly because we use online accounting software which allows more than one person to do the work. If you are at all interested and would like to find out more, please contact me. There is lots of help available, including local training courses for new Treasurers. Michael Williamson michael@michaelandjane.org.uk 01223 860899

Christmas Cards

During this Christmas season, don't forget to check pigeonholes in the Church Room lobby at St John's for Christmas cards!

Sunday 29th December

On Sunday 29th December, there will be a Benefice All Age Holy Communion service held at All Saints' Landbeach, and no service at Waterbeach.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Malcolm and Angela Brown send Christmas Greetings to everyone in our churches here. Instead of Christmas cards which have an environmental impact, we'll donate to MSF. Thank you again for support of their work: we have raised over £1,000 for them.

Jane and Michael Williamson wish everyone at St John's and All Saints' a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New year. They have bought a donkey, a vegetable garden, and a lamb from Send a Cow instead of sending cards.

The clergy of All Saints' and St John's would like to take this opportunity to thank people for their greetings at Christmas and New Year.

PRAYERS

- For Joanna Poole, Alec, Marion, and Ruth.
- The sick, including: David, June and Stephanie.
- Park Crescent (W), Payton Way (W), Maple Court, Green End (L).
- Compassionate God, we remember those whose work sometimes brings them face to face with death, often in very distressing circumstances. Please protect medical and emergency services staff, police offices, the armed forces and relief workers helping in disaster zones. Amen.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

- Ask to join Paul the vicar's **e-mail list**
- Check our Facebook page: Search for **StJohnsChurchWaterbeach**
- **Try the website** for the church calendar, further contacts and more. www.stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk
- **Pastoral Care Team:** Contact **Tiffany Langton** as above.