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**This Newsletter covers the next two weeks**

**Newsletter for the week commencing !8th December 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent ( C )**

 **Entrance antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;**

**let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

**First Reading: Micah 5: 1-4**

**Psalm 79 Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 1: 39-44**

**Communion antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;**

**and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**Father Behr is still unwell this week but is recovering. He is recuperating.**

**Therefore, there is no message from him this week. We hope he will be back soon.**

**D Deacon Jolyon has put together a schedule of services which you can find below.**

**We wish you all a very happy Christmas.**

 **Your Prayers are asked for:**

 **Those recently deceased:**

 **Those ill or infirm:** Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia o Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

 **Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** , Anthony Michael Whatley, Alan James Dorey, Margaret

 Urquhart, Alex Karras, Norah Wrigley, Joan Gray, Mary Hounsell, Joanna Powell, Edward Turner, Mary Stevenson.

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| **Day/date** | **Time**  | **Service** | **Celebrant** |
| Saturday 18th Dec | 6pm | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| Sunday 19th Dec | 10am | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| Wednesday 22nd Dec | 10am | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| Friday 24th Dec | 6pm | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| Friday 24th Dec | 9pm | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| Saturday 25th Dec | 10am | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |

 Above is the schedule for this week. This is however subject to change.

 I will keep you advised, but I felt important to give you the "worst" case scenario, so you can make plans

 I will not be in the least offended, if what is on offer does not meet your needs, but if you have

 already booked a seat, please could you let me know, so I do not spend my time putting out seats

 in the Parish Centre, which end up not being used. Thanks Jolyon

**Alternatives**

Christmas Eve,

Vigil Mass at 18:00 at Cranbrook.

Mass, preceded by carols at 19:30 at Headcorn

Christmas Day

Mass at Benenden Chapel at 09:00

Mass at Cranbrook at 11:00

Mass at 09:00 at Headcorn

There may be Extra-ordinary Form Masses at 12 Midday on some days, but as we go to press, we still await confirmation.

There will be services in Rye, South Ashford and other churches, but in all instances please refer to

 those parish websites and their COVID precautions and any booking arrangements.

 We were reminded again of the dangers of candles, following the severe burns case in a parish

 in London recently.

We were also advised that the serving of refreshments, gatherings of children around the crib and processing the Child Jesus are not COVID safe.

 You are reminded that though singing is permitted, **masks must be worn** at all times.

 **Please dress warmly** as the ventilation will be enhanced.

 For the reassurance of fellow parishioners, it is good practice to do a COVID lateral flow test

 before coming to church

**Pre-Christmas Confessions**

Fr Desmond has kindly offered to come to Tenterden to hear pre-Christmas Confessions on

Monday December 20th at 19:00 in the evening.

I would be very happy to facilitate this, if you could just let me know as soon as possible. Jolyon

**Town Carol Service**

Saint Mildred's Church - Tuesday 21st December, from 7.30pm

 This service will be streamed live, so as many of the town's folk can feel they are present but safe in their own homes. The YouTube link and the final order of service will be posted out to those on the Parish Email Group

**Christmas flowers**

 If you have volunteered to bring a vase or arrangement on **Thursday, 23rd December**

to make our church look beautiful for Christmas (even though things may be a bit different this year),

please bring them between **10 30** and **11.30am** and Frances will meet you there. Don’t forget your mask!

**Newsletter for the week commencing 25th December 2021**

**Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord**

**The Octave of Christmas**

**Mass during the Day: Entrance antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Messenger of great counsel.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10**

**Psalm 97 Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us.**

**Come, you nations, worship the Lord,**

**for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 1: 1-18**

**Communion antiphon: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

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| Saturday 25th Dec | 10am | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| Sunday 26th Dec | 10am | Mass | Fr Frances |
| Wednesday 29th Dec | 10am | Word/Communion | Deacon Jolyon |
| **Flowers for 2nd January 2022: Hilary plus helpers** **to tweak/dismantle Christmas arrangements** |

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Trevor Arthur Leney, Terry Schouten, Freda Budd, Rose Mount, Mary Anne Simmons, Bill Norman-Taylor and

Whilhelmina Johanna Franklin.

**Christmas offerings**

The offerings you make at the Christmas services are your personal gift to your Parish Priest.

**And finally…**

A huge THANK YOU to **Deacon Jolyon** for all his hard work and commitment every week in allocating places

for Sunday Masses and in organising the services whilst Fr Behr has been ill.

He is the person who kept parishioners safe and enabled us to continue to worship God during

these strange and worrying times.

