

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.

Today's Canticle is: Magnificat

My soul doth / magnify the / Lord
and my spirit hath re/joiced in / God my / Saviour.
For / he hath re/garded
the / lowliness / of his / handmaiden.
For be/hold from / henceforth
all gene/rations shall / call me / blessed.
For he that is mighty hath / magnified / me
and / holy / is hiw / Name.
And his mercy is on / them that / fear him
throughout / all / gene/rations.
He hath shewed / strength with his / arm
he hath scattered the proud in the imagi/nation / of their / hearts.
He hath put down the / mighty from their / seat
and hath ex/alted the / humble and / meek.
He hath filled the / hungry with / good things
and the / rich he hath sent / empty a/way.
He re/membering his / mercy
hath / holpen his / servant / Israel
as he / promised to our / forefathers,
Abraham / and his / seed for / ever.

Prayer at the Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours,
bless your Church preparing for Christmas,
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

TODAY, after the 10 o'clock service, we will need help to **decorate the Christmas tree**. Please stay and help if you can.

Carol Service, tonight, 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome at the service and to stay for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Donations of **mince pies** and other **offers of help** with serving and then clearing away afterwards would be most welcome.

Christmas presents for the Women's Refuge Centre will be offered during the **Carol Service this evening**. Please bring along your gifts but remember that gifts need to be brand new and unwrapped. Thank you.

Joint Christmas card with Queen Edith Chapel and the Chinese Church.

Cards are available to deliver around the parish **as soon as possible please**. Please sign the list on the noticeboard to indicate which streets you can distribute to. Shaded areas are being delivered to by members of QE Chapel. Thank you.

BBC Today Programme, Christmas Eve: David Briggs.

David Briggs, who for many years was a member of our choir, was a chorister at King's College when, in 1928, the famous Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first broadcast. David is now the sole survivor of that 1928 choir. He is to be interviewed by Michal Hussain between 7 and 8.30 am on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day Eucharist, 10.00 am. Queen Edith Chapel will also be holding their Christmas Day service at 10 o'clock, and have asked that we put out a gentle reminder not to park in their car park. Thank you.

Christmas cards. Please remember to check the pigeonholes for any Christmas cards you may have been sent.

A story for Christmas. The young people of the church are producing another marionette play entitled 'Lost at Christmas'. Performance will be on **Monday 28th December**, 4.00 pm, at 64 Glebe Road. Everyone is welcome.

Help with lifts to Church. We need a few more people to help give lifts to those who can no longer get to Sunday services on their own. Please let Mary Calladine (C.246742) or Rosemary Monk (C.246421) know if this is something you might be able to do so that we can continue to worship together as a body. And a **big thank you** to those of you who are already involved in this way.

CMS boxes will be collected on **Sunday 3 January**. Please bring to church on the day or give to Maureen Gibbs or Alison Giles.

The office will be open this week on Monday and Wednesday, usual opening hours, and will then be closed until w/c 4 January.

*We wish you all a joyful and
blessed Christmas*

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Onnukwe Amarachi
Monday	Linda Appleby and family
Tuesday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Wednesday	Helen Arnold and family
Thursday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Friday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Saturday	Jim and Ethel Bentley and family

Please remember to pray for Amy, Charlotte and Sam who were admitted to Holy Communion recently

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Church Activities

Choir Practice, Mondays	6.30 pm—7.30 pm, Junior Choir 7.00 pm—8.00 pm, Adult Choir
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Community Activities

Parent & Toddlers (Thursdays)	Wendy Lane, 244850
Beavers (6-8 yrs)	Brendan Murrill, 07864 056648
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421
Brownies (7-10 yrs, QE Schl)	Kerrie Thackray e-mail 40thbrownies@gmail.com

Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and Transept. Please enable us to claim back tax on your offering.

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet 20 December 2015



8.00 am	Eucharist followed by Advent breakfast
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
6.30 pm	Carol Service

Welcome to our services. Rev'd Dr Alasdair Coles is our celebrant and preacher at both services.

Hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	<i>Of the Father's heart begotten</i>	NEH 33
Offertory:		
Communion:	<i>O quickly come</i>	NEH 13
Final:	<i>Tell out my soul</i>	NEH 186

The readings are: Micah 5.2-5a; Canticle: Magnificat; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

The anthem is *The Angel Gabriel from heaven came* (Bullard)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES THIS WEEK

Carol Service	Today, 6.30 pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies	
Crib Service	Christmas Eve, 5.00 pm (children—come dressed up)	
Midnight Mass	Christmas Eve, 11.00 pm	
Christmas Day	All Age Eucharist, 10.00 am, led by Bishop Stephen	

Next Sunday (27 December) is the 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School The readings will be 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end.

Please stay for tea/coffee after the 10 o'clock service