

## Notices

This Christmas we shall be sending donations to Centre Point, Boston, which supports the homeless and the Disaster Emergency Committee which is supporting the millions across Gaza and Lebanon who have fled their homes. There are brown envelopes on the top of the black safe near the entrance. Please put your donation in the envelope labelled 'Charity' and post in the top of the black safe. As we remember the arrival of Jesus, who was himself homeless and a refugee, let us give generously to support those who are in the greatest need. Thank you.

A huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard for All Saints this year, whatever it is that you have done, big or small, your contribution is seen and very much appreciated. You make this church the welcoming place that it is and a place that speaks of the light of Jesus. Thank you,  
Sherine

### Tuesday 24th—Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Crib Service

11.30pm-Midnight Mass

### Wednesday 25th—Christmas Day

10.30am—Family Communion

If you wish to add things to the pew sheet please contact Les Crowson

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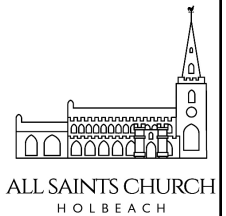
Caz and Les wish you all a very happy Christmas

**Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed.  
Please place any donations to the church in the plate on the way into church.**

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## All Saints Church, Holbeach 4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024



**We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all, a place of welcome.**

*Gluten free wafers available on request.*

### Today

#### 10.30am Sung Eucharist

*Leader and Preacher Revd Sherine Angus*

**Hymns 631 Tell out my Soul**

**634 The angel Gabriel**

**411 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us  
Anthem – Gabriel to Mary came**

**47 As we are gathered**

**428 Love Divine, all loves excelling**

#### 6.30pm Blue Christmas Service

A service for the longest night of the year : a gentle mix of carols and contemplation for those who are carrying pain or loss at this time of year and an opportunity to remember loved ones.

### For your Prayers

**Sick** Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Julie, David & Val Arnold, Roger Qusted, Betty Goodman, Harry Pollard, Rosemary Carter, Ann Onyett, Ann Hector, Deborah Parker, John Bambury, Caz Dennis,

**Recently Departed** Daniel Spencer, Ruth Goodge

### The week ahead

**Tues 24th Christmas Eve**

**4pm Crib Service**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

**Wednesday 25th Christmas Day**

**10.30am Family Communion**

Services for 29th December 1st Sunday of Christmas  
10.30am Sung Eucharist. There is no Evening Service.

## Ist Reading

**Micah 5. 2-5a** <sup>2</sup> \*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.<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the timewhen she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.<sup>4</sup> 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;<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Psalm 80. 1-8

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn\* of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.<sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

## 2nd Reading

### Hebrews 10. 5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ\* came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.<sup>7</sup> 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).<sup>8</sup> 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),<sup>9</sup> then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.<sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will\* that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## The Gospel Reading

### Luke 1. 39-45

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,<sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.<sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit<sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.<sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.<sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be\* a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

## The Collect

God our redeemer, who prepare 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.

## Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.