### The Parish of the Six Saints

Jesus Christ the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

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### This Week in the Parish

Monday to Friday, Morning Prayer will be prayed and live streamed at St. George's Chapel at 8:30 a.m.



# Christmas Services

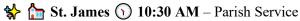


St George's Church	4.00 PM	Holy Eucharist
St Jame's Church	6.00 PM	Holy Eucharist
St Mary's Church	7.00 PM	Holy Eucharist
St Andrew's Church	8.00 PM	Holy Eucharist
St George's Church	11.00 PM	Holy Eucharist

# Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

St George's Church	10:00 AM.	Morning Prayer
St George's Church	5:00 PM	<b>Evening Prayer</b>

# Parish Service - December 28

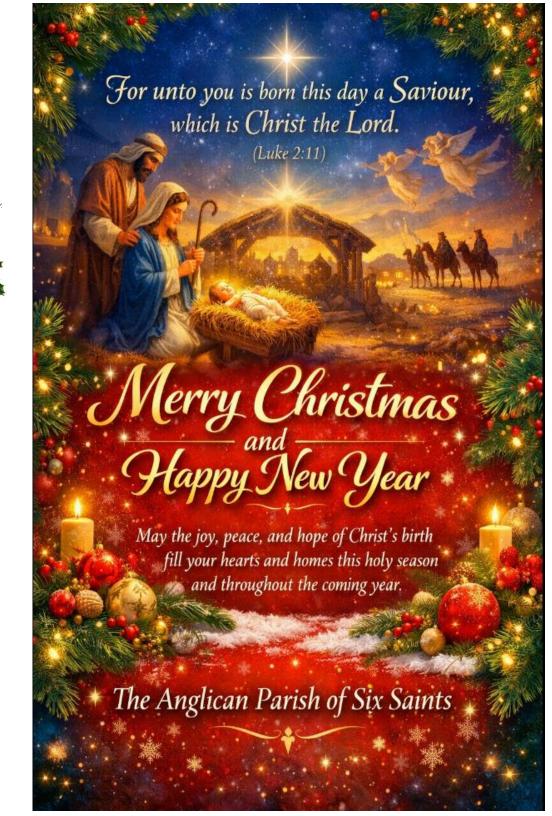


St. George's 8:00 AM – Holy Communion 5:00 PM –

Evening Prayer O Please Note: There will be NO 10:00 AM Service

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9.6

With joyful hearts, the Vicar, the Wardens, and Vestry wish you a very Merry Christmas and a bright, happy, and blessed New Year!



### THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS:

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*.

#### **INTROIT PSALM:**

Today shall ye know that the Lord will come to deliver you: and at sunrise shall ye behold His glory. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therin is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. Glory be... and to the Holy Ghost. As It was.. and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

# **Readings for Christmas Eve**

The Lesson: Micah 5. 2-5 The Epistle: Titus 2. 11-15 Gradual Psalm: 98.5-7

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2.1-14 The Last Gospel: St. John 1.1-14

# **Readings for Christmas Day**

The Lesson: Daniel 4. 34-37 The Epistle: Hebrews 1. 1-12 The Gradual Psalm: 110.1-4

The Holy Gospel: St. John 1.1-14 The last Gospel: St. Matthew 1. 18-25

Prayer for New Priest Almighty God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of Six Saints; and give to us a faithful Pastor, who shall lead us according to thy will, and make us a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP p.45

The Bible study sessions for St. George's and St. James will restart on January 7 and Zoom meeting will resume from January 08 and both are paused for this year.

# 3 ♦ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! ♦ 5

As you leave the church this evening, remember that the **Christmas Season has only just begun!** 

Unlike the commercial celebrations around us, the Church joyfully celebrates the **Birth of Christ for twelve holy days**.

So let us continue to greet one another with a heartfelt "Merry Christmas" all the way through January 5th!

The joy, wonder, and light of Christmas are only beginning—come, rejoice, and celebrate!

The Church has been beautifully decorated for Christmas. **Many thanks** to our leader, Nancy Urquhart and to her helpers.

GriefShare will resume on Tues, Jan 6, 2026 at 1.30 pm at St George's Everyone is welcome!

With Grateful Hearts, Thank You! Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Parish Christmas Outreach Project—especially the Willing Workers for their generous contributions, and all those who offered their prayers and financial gifts. Your kindness and generosity have truly made this outreach a blessing to many.

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD OR THE BIRTH DAY OF CHRIST DECEMBER 24, 2025

#### FAMILY EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF THE CRECHE 4 P.M.

Prelude:

The Christmas Collects	p. 104, 107
The Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14	p. 107
Gradual - Christmas Anthems (Sung)	p. 104
The Gospel: St. Luke 2.1	p. 107
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

The Children's Talk

Hymn: 734- Away in a Manger (Cradle Song) (procession to the Creche) Blessing of the Creche

V/ Our help is in the Name of the Lord

**R**/ Who hath made heaven and earth.

V/ The Lord be with you;

**R**/ And with thy spirit.

#### Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this night caused your only begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary for our salvation: grant, we beseech thee, so to hallow and bless this Crib, wherein are shown the wonders of that Sacred Birth; that all those who ponder and adore the mystery of His Holy Incarnation shall be filled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 76 (Winchester Old)

Offertory frymm. 70 (Whichester Old)		
The Intercession	p. 75	
The Confession and Absolution	p. 77	
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78	
The Administration of the Holy Communion (Duet, Solo, Hymn 739)		
Music After Communion: "O Holy Night" (congregation lights candle	es)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85	
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86	
The Blessing	p. 86	
The Last Gospel: St. John 1:1	p. 106	
Recessional Hymn: 77 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Medlessohn)		
Organ Postlude		

#### MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

#### 11:00 P.M. – Procession & The Mass of Christ

V/ Let us go forth in Peace

**R**/ In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn: 75 - O Come All Ye Faithful (omit verse six)

Station at Crib:

V/ When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man.

**R**/ Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

For the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all mankind; and by it we are disciplined to renounce godless ways and worldly desires, and to live a life of temperance, honesty, and godliness in the present age, looking forward to the happy fulfillment of our hope when the splendor of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus, will appear. He it is who sacrificed Himself for us, to set us free from all wickedness and to make us a pure people marked out for his own, eager to do good. (Titus 2 v.11-14)

V/ The Lord be With You R/ And With Thy Spirit

#### Let us pray:

O God by the birth of thy Son You desired to found a new race of men and to raise us from earth to heaven, hearken to our prayers, that we who behold the light that has shone out of darkness, may be found worthy to enjoy the vision of thy eternal beauty. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

## **Station at the Chancel Steps**

V/ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord R/ God is the Lord who has showed us light.

Let your bearing toward one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus. For the divine nature was His from the first; yet He did not think to snatch at equality with God, but made Himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave. Bearing the human

likeness, revealed in a human shape, He humbled Himself, and in obedience accepted even death - death on a cross. Therefore God raised Him to the heights and bestowed on Him the Name above all Names, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow - in heaven, on earth, and in the depths - and every tongue confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord", to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

V/ The Lord be With You R/ And With Thy Spirit

#### Let us pray:

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are held in bondage by the old yoke of sin, may be set free by the new birth in the flesh of thy only begotten Son: through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy

Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen
The Service continues on page 67 of the Prayer Book

The Christmas Collects p. 104, 107 The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1 p. 105

Gradual - Christmas Anthems (Sung) p. 104

The Gospel: St. John 1:1 p. 106

Hymn before Homily: **79** (Of the Father's Love)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **81** Angels from the Realms (Regent Square #628)
The Intercession p. 75
Confession, Absolution p. 77

#### Thanksgiving, Consecration

p. 78

p. 85

The Administration of the Holy Communion:

Hymn after Communion: 739 Silent Night (Polish/German/English)

Lord's Prayer
Gloria in Excelsis p. 86
Blessing p. 86

Last Gospel: St. Matthew 1:18 p. 114

#### CHRISTMAS DAY- DECEMBER 25

Recessional Hymn: 361 Joy to the World!

# 10 A.M. -MORNING PRAYER

Hymn: **75** -"O Come All Ye Faithful" (omit verse 6)

Hymn before Homily: 691-" In the Bleak Midwinter"

Offertory Hymn: **82** -"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn: **361** -"Joy to the World"

The parish office will be closed from the afternoon of December 24 through January 2, however, messages will be checked daily



### I'm glad He came to the shepherds first!

If you had exceedingly important news that you wanted **EVERYONE** to know about, who would you share it with first? Would you choose the well-informed, the well-to-do, or the well-organized? Those types of people seem like reasonable choices. **God doesn't always do things the way we might.** 

So, let us look at the first Christmas. Amid a fairly chaotic world, God breaks in with **great fanfare and tremendous light!** But, who did He share the Good News with first (after of course the Holy Family), **it was to Shepherds!** Shepherds? God did not do this according to the best and most radical publicizing schemes. He chose to reveal the greatest gift **the best way of all - His way.** 

But, who were these shepherds? They were not on the cutting edge of society. Rather, they not well-thought-of and existed on the periphary of society. They were neither leaders, nor learned. They were rough, and not well-to-do. Author Randy Alcorn describes the low status of the shepherds in Jesus' day: "Smug religious leaders maintained a strict caste system at the expense of shepherds and other common folk. Shepherds were officially labeled "sinners"—a technical term for a class of despised people."

With all of this evidence stacked against the Shepherds, why would God choose them? God was looking at them through a different lens. He looks at the heart. In looking at their hearts, God saw lowliness, courage, ruggedness and faithfulness. Therefore, the Shepherds were exactly the kind of people that God would pick!

I wonder if God chose the shepherds because He knew exactly how they would respond. The Scripture says that the shepherds responded with great joy and excitement after receiving the news from the Angel (Luke 2:15). After their encounter with the Christ child, they returned rejoicing and praising God for all the things they had seen (Luke 2:20).

We really should NOT be surprised that God chose the shepherds first. Many of the leaders whom God chose, were Shepherds: **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and David.** Because God chose the shepherds, it means that He came for **EVERYONE!** 

Do you notice God's work in this world? For sure there has been a lot of extra noise and distractions this year. Therefore, perhaps we are in the right space to listen to hear the voice of God. **He is always at work.** 

God revealing the **Good News of Jesus to lowly shepherds** means that He identifies with you and I. At this time of Christmas, I invite you to **commit yourself to trusting Jesus more**. His entrance into this world in physical form, 2000 years ago, demonstrated his commitment to us all.

Have a great and Blessed Christmas...

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What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

(from "In the Bleak Midwinter")