

THIS SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn Numbers: 32, 85, 712, 394

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & LIVESTREAM

Readings: Jennifer Sugden

Intercessions: Debbie Peet

Voluntary: Gabriel's message, dance by Bedford

4PM CAROL SERVICE

ST CHRISTOPHER'S & LIVESTREAM

6PM CAROL SERVICE

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Christmas Eve 3pm & 4.30pm Nativity Christingle

St Bartholomew's

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

St Bartholomew's

Christmas Day 9.30am Family Communion

St Bartholomew's & Livestream

Christmas Day 11am Family Communion

St Christopher's

NEXT SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER

The Second Sunday of Christmas

1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2:13-18

Hymn Numbers: 80, 59, 83, 72

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S & LIVESTREAM

Readings: Ruth Pattenden

Intercessions: Peter Gratton

Voluntary: In Dulci Jubilo by Bach



To set up regular giving to the Parish or to make a one off donation, please click on the above QR code or visit: www.haslemereparish.org/donate

**WISHING YOU ALL A
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

*****Please note that there
will be no morning prayers,
coffee morning or hearing
clinic this week*****



To donate to our monthly Charity, please click on the below QR code or visit : www.haslemereparish.org/MonthlyCharity
This months charity is
The Hunter Centre

PARISH INFORMATION

St Bartholomew's Church is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday - Saturday

St Christopher's Church is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday - Friday

Livestreamed services: Link to view and orders of service on the website. [Church at Home](#)

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(open: 9am-3pm Mon/Tues/Thurs, 1-3pm Fri*)

*Office hours are subject to change, visit www.haslemereparish.org/getintouch for up to date hours

Pastoral Visitors for December: Cathy Moore, Sarah Mulliner and Jennifer Sugden

To request a visit or for any Pastoral matter please contact Rev Chris, Rev Justin or the Parish Office

Further information:

Please continue to check the website for updated information; www.haslemereparish.org

To receive this news sheet by email contact office@haslemereparish.org

Accessibility:

Both churches have hearing loops. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil.

Both churches have step free access and a wheelchair is available on request.

Large print service orders and hymn books are available—ask a sides person.



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.

Isaiah 7:10-16;

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer

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

PARISH PRAYERS FOR W/C SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

A Thought for Sunday: Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

God's ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. Yet we cannot help but predict and review according to some comparison of our own construction. Jesus will go on to live his life and ministry in an unconventional in a way, which aligns well to the Christian faith in the UK today. In these majority secular times we Christians are regarded as different, even unconventional. But that is as it should be, because we are demonstrating a faithfulness that is based not on control or power. Maybe we should be more unconventional, where God's will is served before the expectation of the crowd.

For our Local Ministry Work and Schools

- As we come close to the glorious day of Christmas, reignite in us Lord a wonder of faith that reminds us of this good news and great joy we share in Christ.
- We pray for our Haslemere community, which gathers in many places and in many ways over this Advent and Christmas season. We give thanks for the privilege of being in the centre of our community, where we seek to serve our neighbours.
- We offer our gratitude to all those who serve musically in the parish, as choirs, musicians, leaders and teachers. We shall count them with the angels, in a great call to worship and praise to God.
- We pray for all those considering their faith at this time. We give thanks that God's Holy Spirit is known in our neighbourhoods, calling people to consider their lives anew. With many to visit our churches this week, may we be found with welcome.
- We pray for the Link Community Hub project, for those involved, and for what we hope it bring to our whole community.

Those unwell or in need of prayer: Ida Macneal, Claire Wardill, Mavis Edge and Sybil Coe

Rest In Peace:

Upcoming Life Events:

Saturday 20th Dec	St Bartholomew's	10am	Interment of Iain MacDonald
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PARISH NOTICES

Outward Giving to our local charities– The Hunter Centre.

This month's charity is The Hunter Centre. We wish to continue our support to this local charity which many of you know and value. You may also remember with affection its founder and member of the St Christopher's congregation, Dr Anne Hunter. Through your generosity we would like to match the £500 given in previous years from PCC funds. You can support our charities through the [Donate](#) button on the parish website, the QR Code on the front page or by giving cash after both services on Sunday.

Last Call for Link Pledges – with thanks to all have given so generously and with wonderful progress to be seen, could I ask that if you have yet to make your donation there is still time to do so. Your generosity will be put to good use! (If you didn't make a pledge but wish to make a donation please email Geoff Martin in confidence martin_g6@sky.com. Thank you, Andrew

Annual Leave

Please note that Rev Chris will be on leave from Boxing Day until Friday 2nd January. The Parish office will be closed from Friday 19th December until Friday 2nd January.

Coffee at St Bartholomew's

We are looking for volunteers to help serve tea & coffee after the 10am service at St Bartholomew's starting in the new year. We have a rota so it is not a huge commitment– perhaps once every 2 months. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

Christingle Preparation– Monday 22nd December, 2pm at St Bartholomew's Church

Christmas is rapidly approaching and we would love your help to prepare the Christingles for the Christingle services. There will be refreshments and Christmas music to keep us company. Many hands make light work!

Bereavement Café– Monday 22nd December, 10am-12, Haslemere Methodist Church

This season can be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss. The Haslemere Bereavement Cafe is a safe space to share your struggles with others on a similar journey. They will be meeting on Monday mornings, 22nd December and 26th January, from 10-12 at Haslemere Methodist Church. Everyone welcome no matter how recent or distant your loss.

Pop-In Coffee Morning and Hearing Champions– next clinic 8th January in St Bartholomew's Church– please bring your own mug!

Our regular Pop-In Coffee Morning reaches out to those who would like a bit of company and a chat. We meet on each 2nd and 4th Thursdays, in St Bartholomew's Church at 10am. Also if you have a hearing aid, you can have it cleaned and serviced by our Hearing Champions service, with new batteries at the same time!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN ADDITION TO REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday 21st Dec	4pm Carol Service	St Christopher's
	6pm Carol Service	St Bartholomew's
Christmas Eve	3pm & 4.30pm Nativity Christingle	St Bartholomew's
	11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Bartholomew's
Christmas Day	9.30am Family Communion	St Bartholomew's
	11am Family Communion	St Christopher's
Sunday 28th Dec	10am Holy Communion	St Christopher's