

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY 4 JANUARY

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn Numbers: 58, 59, 363, 75

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY MORNING FAMILIES

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & LIVESTREAM

Readings: Peter Gratton

Intercessions: Jane Slevin

Voluntary: Prelude in A min BWV 543

By J.S. 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

WEEK COMMENCING 28 DEC

Please note that there are no morning prayers 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

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29;

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Matthew 2:13-18

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they
are no more.'

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR W/C SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

A Thought for Sunday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise

We may not be wise by human standards, but we are here, which means in one way or another we have been called. We have been called to be part of Christ's family, we are loved more than we will ever understand in this life. This calling is about letting our hearts do what they were designed to do and be loved by His love, to drop any thoughts of unworthiness and be more of the unique person to were born to be.

Paul also said, "but God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise," which I feel is a bit rude. But he doesn't mean foolish in the way we might think. He means those that are open to being changed by His love and not those who are so proud of themselves that their hearts are closed.

For our Local Ministry Work and Schools

- In this humble yet glorious season of Advent, give us the time and vision to see the many ways in which you have been part of our lives. From ancient days until the return of your Son, O Lord keep us close to you.
- We pray with thanks for the outward ministry of parish this season, including the Christmas Windows, Christmas Market and Sleepout Challenge.
- We pray for the leadership of the parish, and for those who serve with great commitment to your calling, that we should be the best churches we can be for all the people of Haslemere.
- 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:

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.

Hunter Centre Drop in for support & advice– 1st Wednesday of the month, 6.30-7.30pm, The information hub, Haslemere Railway Station.

If you have any questions, from getting a diagnosis to the range of support available in our area, drop by to chat to Elaine Clement, Operations Manager. 01428 654710.

www.thehuntercentre.co.uk

Bereavement Café– Monday 26th January, 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. There will be a meeting on Monday 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!