

Christmas Day

Family Communion



St Bartholomew's Church
Haslemere

Welcome

Hymn or Carol

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All and also with you

All sit, notices may be given

Greeting and Fellowship

This day Christ is born,

All Alleluia!

This day the Saviour comes,

All Alleluia!

This day the angels sing.

All Alleluia!

Unto to us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

God our Father,
today the Saviour is born
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.

All Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,
to live in the light of your Son
and to share the good news of your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who has come into the world. Amen.

Our Confession

We sit or kneel in confession

As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn Christ child,
we open our hearts to confess and seek his blessed assurance:

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, though he came to humbly serve,
forgive us our pride.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Christ came with good news for all people, forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

Christ came in love to a world of suffering

Forgive our self-centredness

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

May the God of love who sent his son as offering to mankind, and yet accepts our shame and weakness, reassure us of his forgiveness freely given. Lord, bring us renewed and reawakened to your great gift,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Gloria

Please stand as we sing to God's glory

All **Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell.
Lord we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's King
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away;
Now with him in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord, we pray
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
In the glory of the Father
with the Spirit, Three in One.**

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

All **Amen**

The Readings

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn or Carol

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, accord to N.

All Glory to you O Lord

After the gospel is read the minister says

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

A Christmas Address

The Prayers

Hymn or Carol

During this hymn a collection will be taken up for the work of the church.

The Holy Communion

Please remain standing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

All

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us life.

The Giving of Communion

A Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion Prayer is said:

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Hymn or Carol

The Dismissal

May God the Father who arrived anew in our lives again today,
remain with us as we journey onwards to gather with those we
love, and to celebrate the birth of our saviour.

And may the blessing of God Almighty:
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you all and remain with you always.

All Amen