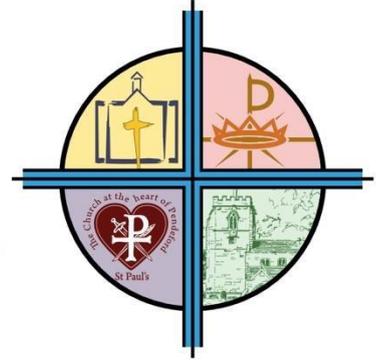


The Parish of

# TETTENHALL REGIS



Serving the communities of Tettenhall, Aldersley, Bilbrook & Pendeford

**Christmas and New Year Notices for the Parish**  
**Week beginning 20 December until week beginning 10 January**

**Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year**

## Christmas Services 2020

**booking needed for services in church**

**20<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Services**

4.00pm - Carols around the tree (weather permitting), Holy Cross

6.15pm for 6.30pm – via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440358814?pwd=Q1k3L05peFdEQzdodE5xemlkZjFDUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 4035 8814 Passcode: 452260

6.30pm - Evening of carols and readings, Christ the King – in church

6.30pm Service of Christmas Readings and Music at St Michael's Church –  
booking required (A choir will be singing choral music and carols).

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve:-**

**Crib service** 4pm online – Parish Facebook Page and YouTube Channel

**Midnight Services** 11.00pm At Holy Cross

11.30pm Online

**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day – in-church services (booking required)**

10.00am Christ the King; 10.30am St Michaels; 10.30am St Paul's

## Church Sunday Service Times:

Christ the King	10.00am
St Michael's	10.30am
St Paul's	10.30am
Holy Cross	10.45am

## Online Sunday Eucharist broadcast at 10.30am

It features all four churches, different clergy and members of the four congregations. The quality has improved from the earlier live broadcasts.

## Booking arrangements for Church Services

Churches open for Sunday Worship

Booking required via the link:- <http://www.bit.ly/churchbooking>

or please contact the Parish Office on 01902 751622 or [tettenhallregis@gmail.com](mailto:tettenhallregis@gmail.com). or for St Paul's Church:- 07946 728654

For 6.30pm on 20 December and 10.30am on Christmas Day at St Michael's please contact the Parish Office if you have not already booked.

## Pastoral Support

Please do contact a member of the clergy or the Parish Office if you need support in any way.

# Sunday, 20 December, 4th Sunday of Advent

## Readings

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

**The throne of the house of David shall be established for ever.**

**Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26**

**God's covenant with the descendant of David.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**The gospel of Jesus Christ is revealed to the nations**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary.**

## Hymns

The angel Gabriel from heaven came  
For Mary mother of the Lord  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Long ago, Prophets knew  
Thou didst leave thy throne

# Christmas Day, 25 December

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**A child has been born to us, a Son given to us**

**Psalms 96**

**Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**

**Titus 2:11-14**

**The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all**

**Luke 2:1-20**

**The birth of Jesus Christ**

## Hymns

O come, all ye faithful  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Silent night  
Away in a manger

## Daily Eucharist Readings *(for your own reading and reflection through the week)*

Monday	Zephaniah 3:14-18, Psalm 33:1-4,11-12,20-end, Luke 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:24-end, Psalm 113, Luke 1:46-56
Wednesday	Malachi 3:1-4,4:5-end, Psalm 25:3-9, Luke 1:57-66
Christmas Eve	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16, Psalm 89:2,19-27, Acts 13:16-26, Luke 1:16-26
Christmas Day	Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20
St Stephen	2 Chronicles 24:20-22, Psalm 119:161-168, Acts 7:51-end, Matthew 10:17-22

## Sunday 27 December, First Sunday of Christmas

### Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3	I will rejoice greatly in the Lord.
Psalm 148	Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.
Galatians 4:4-7	When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son
Luke 2:15-21	The angels, the shepherds and the manger.

### Hymns

While Shepherds watched their flocks  
Angels from the realms of glory  
Ding dong merrily on high  
O little town of Bethlehem

## Daily Eucharist Readings

Monday	Jeremiah 31:15-17, Psalm 124, Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday	Exodus 33:7-11, Psalm 117, 1 John 1, John 21:19-end
Wednesday	1 John 2:12-17, Psalm 96:7-10, Luke 2:36-40
Thursday	1 John 2:18-21, Psalm 96:1,11-end, John 1:1-18
Friday	Numbers 6:22-end, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21
Saturday	1 John 2:22-28, Psalm 98:1-4, John 1:19-28

## Sunday 3 January, Epiphany

### Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6	The glory of the Lord has risen upon you
Psalm 72	Kings shall bow down before him, all nations do him service
Ephesians 3:1-7	The revelation of the mystery of Christ to the gentiles (nations)
Matthew 2\;1-12	The wise men kneel in worship the infant Christ.

### Hymns

We three Kings  
As with gladness  
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

## Daily Eucharist Readings

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 John 3:7-10, Psalm 98:1,8-end, John 1:35-42</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 3:11-21, Psalm 100, John 1:43-end</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:1-7, Matthew 2:1-12</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 John 3:22-4:6, Psalm 2:7-end, Matthew 4:12-17,23-end</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 4:7-10, Psalm 72:1-8, Mark 6:34-44</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 John 4:11-18, Psalm 72:1,10-13, Mark 6:45-52</b>

## Sunday 10 January, Baptism of Christ

### Readings

<b>Genesis 1:1-5</b>	<b>The wind (spirit) from God swept over the face of the waters.</b>
<b>Psalm 29</b>	<b>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters</b>
<b>Acts 19:1-11</b>	<b>The Ephesian believers are baptised and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Mark 1:4-11</b>	<b>The baptism of Jesus, by John the Baptist in the River Jordan</b>

### Hymns

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Songs of thankfulness and praise  
When Jesus came to Jordan  
Thou whose almighty Word

## Daily Eucharist Readings

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Hebrews 1:1-6, Psalm 97:1-2,6-10, Mark 1:14-20</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 2:5-12, Psalm 8, Mark 1:21-28</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 2:14-end, Psalm 105:1-9, Mark 1:29-39</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Hebrews 3:7-14, Psalm 95:1,8-end, Mark 1:40-end</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:1-5,11, Psalm 78:3-8, Mark 2:11-12</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:12-end, Psalm 19:7-end, Mark 2:13-17</b>

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

*St Michael's, Holy Cross, Christ the King, St Paul's – Our church buildings are now all open for worship but with government restrictions still in place – please book in advance (booking details at the beginning of the newsletter).*

## *Christmas and Epiphany*

Although still under restrictions, with our church buildings now able to reopen, we are offering a combination of recorded and streamed services. If you would like to take part in church or online, with readings, hymns & songs, prayers, etc., please speak to one of the clergy. A schedule of Christmas services can be found below.

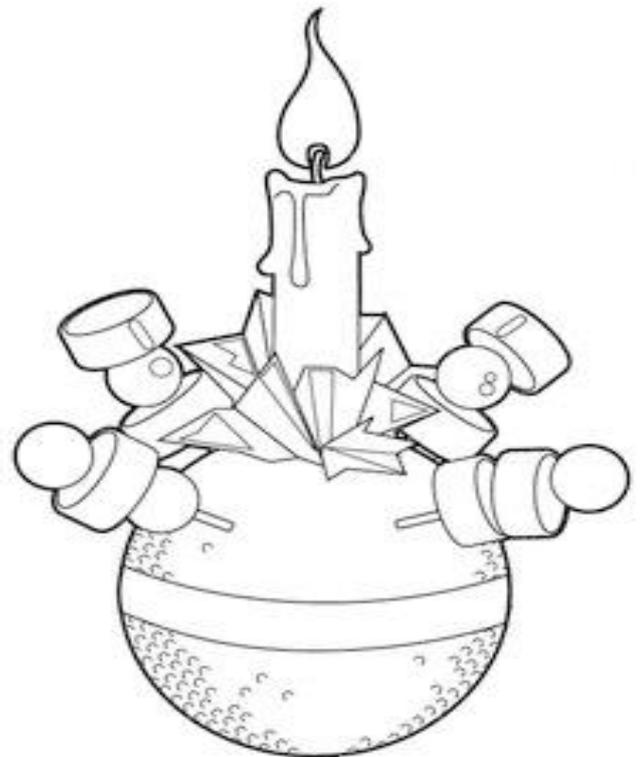
## *Christingle at Home*

Celebrate Christingle at home with your family you'll still be part of a community of people sharing the light of Christ and thinking about how to share the light with others?

Christingle celebrations raise over 1.2 million pounds each year to support the work of The Children's Society, a charity helping vulnerable children and young people.

Please donate at <https://thyg.uk/CUS048780>

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and tells the Christian story don't worry if you haven't some items try having a 'scavenger hunt' or do a drawing to make one.



1. The orange represents the world: find something round or draw a circle, or something that represents God's creation to you, e.g. a picture of a beautiful landscape, a collection of stones or shells.
2. The red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ: red string, wool or something that symbolises love, e.g. a heart shape, a ring, a special present.
3. The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations: use other foodstuffs or something else entirely, e.g. your favourite soft toy animal, or a cutting from your favourite plant.
4. The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness: use any decorative or birthday cake candles or a torch or a lamp.

Once you've made your Christingle put it in a safe position where you can see it or hold it carefully in your hand. Light the candle with an adult or switch on your light.

Use the following reflection and prayer:

When the Wise Men visited Jesus after this birth in Bethlehem, they brought gifts (Matthew 2.11). At Christmas many of us give and receive gifts – a symbol of the love we have for family and friends. The Christingle reminds us of the many good things God gives, and of the need to share them, not only with our family and friends, but with the whole world. Pray for all that you are grateful for: thanking Jesus for our world, our families, our food and the joy in our lives. Amen.

***New - Parish YouTube Page***

Please click on the link below to access our new YouTube page. If we get at least 100 subscribers, we will have access to more features. We currently have 16 subscribers so we need a few more!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KxwuprQ0Ia\\_k\\_b2JEddhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KxwuprQ0Ia_k_b2JEddhA)

***St Paul's Update***

Due to recent government advice, our buildings will now be open for Sunday worship at 10.30am (and on Christmas Day), but not for private prayer on Saturday mornings until further notice.

Also on pause are:

**Thursday Sitting Down Club**

**Friday Walking Group**

**Oasis café** due to recent government guidance, is closed. Updates will be published on the facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TheOasisCafePendeford/>

Maybe you would like to consider joining in with our online offerings:

**Tuesday 11.00 to 11.40 Everyday Scripture on Zoom**

11.00am Tuesdays 40mins on Zoom: readings, singalong, reflect. Bring Bible, cross or prayer symbol. Use the link: [Bit.ly/StPaulCoffee](https://bit.ly/StPaulCoffee) or Zoom meeting ID 317 307 4133 Password 754517

**Thursday 7.30 to 8.10pm Book Club on Zoom** – Do you enjoy reading? If so join us on Zoom on Thursdays 7.30-8.10 using ID 349 452 1095 check pass-code with Dot. We are reading short stories.

**Quiz Group** - runs on Facebook with 5 multiple choice questions and a leader board.

**Saturday 11.00 to 11.40 Morning Zoom Coffee** - gather to share news via Zoom Cloud Meeting. Use the link: [Bit.ly/StPaulCoffee](https://bit.ly/StPaulCoffee) or Zoom meeting ID 317 307 4133 Password 754517

## ***Discipleship & Nurture***

### ***“Peace be with you – and also with you!”***

If you would like to be part of one of our online services sharing the ‘peace’ to our online congregation, please record a video of you saying “Peace be with you” looking straight at the camera. There are no age limits and this can be done by an individual or social bubble! Once you’ve got a video, please email to Simon Douglas. [simon@sdouglas.org](mailto:simon@sdouglas.org)

## ***Encounter***

### **2021**

6<sup>th</sup> January Leaders and young leaders meeting

13<sup>th</sup> January Encounter restarts for all

## ***Sunday School***

Join us on The Parish of Tettenhall Regis Facebook Page at 3pm Sunday afternoons to have fun together - reflecting on the Bible reading of the day through listening, creating, praying, searching and singing.

### ***Young Voices still needed for our Parish Online All Age Choir***

Holly Whitmill a member of St Michael’s Church and one of our Family Choir leaders has begun gathering singer’s voices – children, parents to sing the tune and those who can sing harmony parts too, to record their voices to a backing track. All recordings will be put together using Garageband software. The finished songs will be used as part of our Parish online Sunday School sessions as well as our All Age services. The Christmas Eve service will also soon be upon us and we need volunteers to help by creating simple piano/keyboard backing tracks, recording their voices to the backing tracks and if anyone is a dab hand at Garageband, please let us know as it will be all hands on deck in December! If you fancy a musical challenge please email Cath ([cmaleighton@icloud.com](mailto:cmaleighton@icloud.com)) who will put you in touch with Holly.

## Blakeley Green House Trust

*Can't go shopping for Christmas presents?*

*Need a gift idea?*

*Need a stocking filler ?*



### Please consider a donation to Blakeley Green House Trust

The Trust provides pastoral and caring support to clients living with enduring mental illness at the house within the parish. The Trust is funded by donations and fundraising.

If you donate you will receive a printed note to personalise for you to give as your gift. The gift will be delivered to you.

If you would like to make a donation in lieu of purchasing a gift for someone please contact Susan Hughes (email - [H4sfisher@aol.com](mailto:H4sfisher@aol.com) or mobile - 07742950520).

*" For it is in giving that we receive" St Francis of Assisi*

### ***A-Classic-a-Day!***

Hello Everyone ! More daily music for you all This time mostly Christmas music from our great cathedrals . You can find most of my choices on albums by Kings College and St John's College Cambridge . Have a very happy and peaceful Christmas 🎄

- 1) Adam lay ya bounden- Boris Ond
- 2) I saw a maiden - J Rutter
- 3) A hymn to the Virgin- B Britten
- 4) Wolcum from a Ceremony of Carols- B Britten
- 5) The Rose- Ola Gjeilo
- 6) Wintertide- Ola Gjeilo
- 7) There is no rose from a Ceremony of Carols B Britten
- 8) Balalow from a Ceremony of Carols- B Britten
- 9) Tomorrow shall be my dancing day - Gardner
- 10) Spotless Rose- Herbert Howells
- 11) Wachet Auf - J S Bach
- 12) King Jesus hath a garden
- 13) Myn Lyking ( 15 th century carol)
- 14) In the Bleak mid winter - Howells
- 15) Oh unto us a boy is born from the Messiah- Handel
- 16) Coventry Carol
- 17) In Dulci jubilo
- 18) Quatre Motets pour Le temps de Noel- Poulenc
- 19) Sussex Carol
- 20) Cherry Tree Carol
- 21) What sweeter music - Tenebrae
- 22) Er ist ein ros entsprungen - Saint Germany's
- 23) Infant King ( Old Basque) 24) Legenda - Tchaikovsky
- 25) Hallelujah Chorus - Handel
- 26) The lute book - lullaby sweet was the song the Virgin sang
- 27) zest ist ein Ros - Prestorious
- 28) Personet Hodie( 14 th century carol )

## **AROUND THE PARISH**

### ***Used Stamps – have you got any?***

Andrew Millington, St Michael's, is collecting used stamps in aid of 'Help for Heroes'. If you have any at home or could begin collecting them, please take any collected to Church Cottage or place in the container at the back of St Michael's Church when we open again.

### ***Wrap up warm!***

The advice on ventilation of churches is that some larger buildings may offer sufficient natural ventilation to remove the requirement to have doors and windows open. Those who attend church services should be aware that this may not be the case, and wrap up warm in anticipation.

### ***Online Worship – IT opportunity***

As the churches begin to open, we seek to continue online worship for our Parish and beyond! We are now livestreaming services directly from our churches. Could you provide IT support to facilitate the live-streaming of one service a week? This would be across the parish, a different church every week! If you are technically minded and can see yourself as an IT technician and broadcaster for the Parish (or within your own church), please contact either Richard Reeve or Simon Douglas.

### ***Online Giving***

Although our churches are still at reduced capacity on a Sunday morning, we are still the church; gathering again, or meeting virtually for prayer, services and fellowship, loving our neighbours by offering practical support and caring for our communities.

The work of our church relies on people's generosity, which is a hallmark of a lived-out faith and we are very grateful for the regular giving that continues. With the closure or reduction of public worship we cannot receive all the gifts that we usually would, so we really need your help now.

The Diocese has now made available a facility to make an online donation entering your payment details and selecting your church from a drop-down list using the [Donate Now page](#) Or please contact Keith at the Parish Office –01902 751622, [tettenhallregis@gmail.com](mailto:tettenhallregis@gmail.com).

## *Daily Hope*

Daily Hope is a free national phone line, set up by the Church of England, in order to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.



Available 24 hours a day, on **0800 804 8044**, the line has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

## *Sermon Slot*

**Advent 2, 6 December 2020. Richard Reeve at St Michael's**

**Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85, Mark 1:1-8**

The Pandemic plight of vulnerable elderly people in care homes is a recurring theme. People without many years ahead, maybe not even many days, frail perhaps in mind as well as body. They have been unable to know the comfort of a visit from a loved one – perhaps a son or daughter or friend or even spouse who normally see them week by week or day by day.. Now they are unable to embrace or hold hands, unable to hear the familiar voice, or to share laughter or smiles or tears together.

Some have seen the decline of loved ones from afar, not able to visit in hospital, through treatment and sometimes even at the end of life, and then not able even to grieve with others as they really needed to.

People have had to face devastating diagnoses alone without a friend or relative to help take in what's being said and lend support.

Each person's experience is different. For some of us the anxiety about the work, and bills and home allows no escape. For others the separation from family, or the lack of companionship, or the unfulfilled hopes weigh heavily. This is a terribly difficult time to be growing up. Feelings of dullness, emptiness, loneliness, inertia may be familiar.

Today we are back in church, others are not able or ready to return. The deprivation from public worship, from the sacraments, from the fellowship of God's people has removed something of the divine heart and focus of life and the shape of the week.

One of the overused metaphors is that of a dark tunnel, with light at the end of it, only the tunnel has bends in it and so we can't see the light. Well, with the vaccines arriving it seems that the light may be just beginning to come in to view. Challenges lie ahead, uncertainties and risks but there is a chink of light. Like the light of the Advent Candle, brought into a dark church at the beginning of an Advent Carol Service, breaking the darkness and beginning of the Church year, the annual cycle of celebration of our salvation.

Or like the Easter Light brought in to overcome the darkness of death with the light of new birth, spreading out as the light is shared..

Light has broken the darkness. New light, new hope, a new beginning.

Both Isaiah 40 and Mark Chapter 1 speak the gospel, the good news, of a new beginning. "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" as Mark puts it. "Good tidings", the end of exile and

servitude for God's people and the end of their exile from God. "Comfort, O Comfort my people says your God..... He will feed his flock like a shepherd and gathers the lambs in his arms."

Our need for the expressions of love and comfort, our cries of loneliness and fear and grief, our anxiety and loss, seem to find their answer in these wonderful prophetic words of new beginning. This is a God who reaches out to comfort his people, to give hope and a new beginning. A God who reveals his glory and comes to restore his people and gather them to himself.

And Mark takes up the theme – this God who brought his people back rejoicing from exile, who restored Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, who gave them new life – this God is the God who comes in the person of Jesus Christ. The glory of the Lord is revealed in him. John the Baptist is like Isaiah the one who brings the message, who prepares the way before the Lord – making ready for the coming of the Lord.

The darkness we have experienced in this last year has been deep, but not unique. Lots of people before us, many generations have known deep darkness, and it is out of the darkness that these words of poetry and prophecy emerge with such love and power, "Comfort, O Comfort my people, speak tenderly to Jerusalem, her term is served her penalty paid her sins forgiven." These words have sustained and filled with hope those who have welcomed Jesus Christ, the Son of God. They have strengthened those who have followed Jesus, the good shepherd, who knows the depths of darkness, the deepest desolation – and yet with him, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff comfort me."

The words heard and received may just be that small flame in the darkness, the light dawning, the beginning the good news. But fanned with the Spirit they promise to light up a new future, new possibilities, new life.

In one sense in this life we are always in exile, always strangers and pilgrims, and yet there is light, there is good news, there is comfort, there is a homecoming.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd. At each eucharist, he spreads a table before us, as pledge of his eternal kingdom a pledge that though we are separated in many different ways, and presently many of us even from the Lord's table, he will bring us to dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Amen

## **PRAYER AND WORSHIP ONLINE**

Sunday worship at 10.30am and Daily Prayer are being livestreamed to the Parish Facebook page, [fb.me/tettenhallregis/](https://www.facebook.com/tettenhallregis/)

Sunday worship is also available on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KxwuprQ0Ia\\_k\\_b2JEddhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KxwuprQ0Ia_k_b2JEddhA)

The services being streamed each day are as follows

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer (*6.30pm Sunday - Traditional Evening Prayer*)

9.30pm Night Prayer (*Compline*)

There is a link to Daily Prayer (for readings, Psalms and order of service) in the ribbon at the top of St Michael's Website Page. Links are also available from the Facebook page. An excellent "Daily Prayer" App is available freely to download.

<b>Parish Facebook page</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/tettenhallregis">fb.me/tettenhallregis</a>
<b>St. Michael's website</b>	<a href="http://stmichaels-church.org.uk/">stmichaels-church.org.uk/</a>
<b>Holy Cross website</b>	<a href="https://holycross.bilbrook.info/coronavirus/">https://holycross.bilbrook.info/coronavirus/</a>
<b>Christ the King</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/christthekingaldersley/">fb.me/christthekingaldersley/</a>
<b>St. Paul's</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscofependeford/">fb.me/stpaulscofependeford/</a>

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*The Parish Office is currently open on weekday mornings, on a non-contact basis.*

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