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Feast of The Holy Innocents

28th December 2025

Welcome

The Clergy and Church Officers of both the Parish and Methodist Churches warmly welcome you today: whether you are visiting us, or regularly worship here, we are delighted to see you. Large print orders of service are available upon request.

Today's Services

9.30 a.m. Methodist Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist [CW]



Dates for the Diary

5.00 p.m. Friday 2nd January
1st Friday @ 5

Thanks:

- to those who decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas festival;
- to the choir for their lovely singing at the Carol Service and on Christmas Day;
- to Carl Le Prevost for playing the organ at all three services;
- to Will Le Ray and his friends for bell-ringing before the Carol Service and John Squires for ringing on Christmas Day.

THE SICK AND

OTHERS WHO ASK OUR PRAYERS:

Roger & Jehanne Browning,
Sandra Diment, Collette Gallienne,
Richard Le Pelley, Norma Ozanne,
Jackie Thoume, Gary Van Der
Linden and all mentioned on the
prayer board.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

THE WORLD: pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that peace may reign throughout the world.

THE CHURCH: Archbishop-elect Sarah, Bishop Stephen of Salisbury, Bailiwick clergy, especially for Howard and Mark.

THE BAILIWICK: All babies and expectant mothers

THE PARISH: Rue des Simons



Julia Madden
Jamie Hooper

(Wednesday 31st December)
(Thursday 1st January)

If it's yours, and we did not know it, Happy Birthday!
Email djr@flagpole.qg so that we don't miss you off
next year's greetings.

CHURCH LUNCH



courses. Please let Christine know your choices no later than Sunday 4th January, as there are limited places available due to room size – so book early to guarantee your place.

You are invited to Sunday Lunch at **Les Côtils** on 18th January 2026 at 12.30 p.m. for 12.45 p.m. The menus are at the back of the church – you may opt for either two or three

Feast of The Holy Innocents



Today the Church keeps the Feast of The Holy Innocents – *“When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under”*.

[Matthew 2: 16]

The commemoration of the massacre of the Holy Innocents, traditionally regarded as the first Christian martyrs, if unknowingly so, first appears as a feast of the Western church in about 485.

Their feast day follows two days after the feast of St. Stephen who is commemorated as the protomartyr or first martyr. In between the commemoration of those early martyrs, on 27th December, the Church observes the feast of St. John the Evangelist who was one of the twelve apostles and the only one to escape martyrdom.

Flower Rota

21st Dec – 4th Jan
11th January
18th January
25th January

Altar (Anglican)

Christmas arrangements
Anne Bourgaize
Anne Bourgaize
Ann Kirby

Vase (Methodist)

Michelle Hooper
Anna Attwooll
June Batiste

Services & Daily Readings for December 2025 / January 2026

AHON = Anglican Hymns Old & New (blue)
NEH = New English Hymnal (green)

Sunday 28th December – Feast of The Holy Innocents

9.30 a.m.	Methodist Holy Communion	Revd Howard Stringer
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist [cw]	Revd Juliette Robilliard
	<i>Epistle:</i> 1 Corinthians 1: 26-29	Evan Ozanne
	<i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 2: 13-18	Revd Juliette Robilliard
	<i>Intercessions:</i> Revd Juliette Robilliard	
	<i>Hymns (AHON):</i> 782, 448, 267, 59, 409	

Readings for this week: Psalm 1st Reading 2nd Reading

Sunday	Holy Innocents	124	see above	
Monday	St Thomas Becket	3	Ecclesiasticus 51: 1-8	Matthew 10: 28-33
Tuesday		96: 7-10	1 John 2: 12-17	Luke 2: 36-40
Wednesday		96: 11,11>	1 John 2: 18-21	John 1: 1-18
Thursday	Circumcision of Christ 8		Numbers 6: 22>	Luke 2: 15-21
Friday	St Basil the Great et al	98: 1-4	2 Timothy 4: 1-8	Matthew 5: 13-19
Saturday		98: 2-7	1 John 2: 29 – 3: 6	John 1: 29-34

Sunday 4th January – observed as The Epiphany of Our Lord

9.30 a.m.	Methodist Service	Fellowship
11.00 a.m.	Family Eucharist [cw]	Rector
	<i>Epistle:</i> Ephesians 3: 1-12	Madeleine Squires
	<i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 2: 1-12	Rector
	<i>Intercessions:</i> SNB to arrange	
	<i>Hymns (AHON):</i> 46, 734, 705, 650, 805	

Sunday 11th January – 1st Sunday after Epiphany

11.00 a.m.	United Covenant Service [Methodist Rite]	Revd Howard Stringer
6.00 p.m.	Evensong [BCP]	Revd Juliette Robilliard
	<i>1st Lesson:</i> Joshua 3: 1-8, 14-end	Ann Kirby
	<i>2nd Lesson:</i> Hebrews 1: 1-12	Sir Richard McMahon
	<i>Psalm:</i> 132	
	<i>Canticles:</i> Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis	
	<i>Intercessions:</i> Revd Juliette Robilliard	
	<i>Hymns (NEH):</i> 48, 56, 522	

Sunday 18th January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

11.00 a.m.	United Family Service [Anglican Rite]	Rector
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Sunday 25th January – Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul

9.30 a.m.	Methodist Service	Roger Browning
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist [cw]	Revd Juliette Robilliard
6.00 p.m.	Evensong [BCP]	Rector

Rector's Reflection for December

Advent is a time of looking forward with hope: looking forward in the short-term to Christmas Day and the birth of Christ – Emmanuel, God with us.

But Advent is also about looking forward further into the future, to the second coming of Christ, when God's kingdom will be established on earth, when death will be no more, where there will be no more pain or crying or mourning, when these things will have passed away.



During Advent we will sing Charles Wesley's hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending".

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for mortal sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign!*

This hymn is not a cosy Christmas carol about a baby in a manger, it is a profound Advent hymn that fixes our gaze on this Second Coming of Christ in glory. It is a wake-up call, a dramatic vision based on the prophecy in Revelation 1:7: "Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him."

So as we prepare this Advent for Christmas, let's do so with one eye further ahead, when we can join with the saints and angels in singing;

*Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory, Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.*

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