

The Benefice of St. Wilfrid Cantley with St. Hugh of Lincoln, New Cantley

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21st December 2025
4th Sunday of Advent
(Year A)
9.15 am - The Parish Mass

WELCOME TO MASS TODAY,
PLEASE DO JOIN US AFTERWARDS FOR
TEA AND COFFEE

BENEFICE MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

DAY	OBSERVANCE	VENUE	TIME
Tuesday	Requiem Mass (Fr. Keith Ellwood RIP)	St. Wilfrid's	10.00 am
Wednesday	Christmas Eve	St. Wilfrid's	5.30 pm
		St. Hugh's	8.00 pm
		St. Wilfrid's	10.00 pm
Thursday	Christmas Day	St. Wilfrid's	10.00 am
Friday	St. Stephen	St. Hugh's	10.00 am
Saturday	St. John	St. Wilfrid's	9.30 am

There is no Rosary (or Friday evening Mass) this week.

Of your charity, pray for those who have died recently,
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Evelyn Barrass, Dorothy Darby, Philip Bassindale,
Anne Levick, Beatrice Maud Cooksey, Michael Hibling,
Doris Caunt, Ted Bell, Betty Christine Parkinson,
Sheila Hughes, Ethel May Haddon**

REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD,
AND LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

Hymns for Today:

Introit: 522 O come, O come Emmanuel
Offertory: 373 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
Communion: 533 O holy dwelling place of God
Recessional: 375 Long ago prophets knew

Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Angelus:

V. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R. Be it unto me according to thy word.
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PARISH NOTICES

This week Monday 22nd December at 6.30 pm
The Monday group meet here at St. Hugh's.

Tuesday 23rd December at 10.00 am
Requiem Mass with Funeral Rites for Fr. Keith
Ellwood (at St. Wilfrid's)

Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th December)
5.30 pm Vigil Mass & Christingle (St. Wilfrid's)
8.00 pm 'Midnight Mass' at St. Hugh's
10.00 pm 'Midnight Mass' at Wilfrid's

Christmas Day (Thursday 25th December)
10.00 am Mass of the Day at St. Wilfrid's

Saturday 27th December (9.30 - 11.30 am)
Community Café at St. Hugh's.

Next week Sunday 28th December
The Holy Family (Year A)
Said Mass: **8.00 am** at St. Wilfrid's
Sung Masses: **9.15 am** at St. Hugh's
10.45 am at St. Wilfrid's
Carol Service: **6.30 pm** at St. Wilfrid's

Further Ahead Saturday 17th January 2026 at St. Hugh's
Chinese New Year Buffet (£10 per ticket)

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Friday May 1st 2026 – Monday May 4th 2026
Deposits of £20 to Michael to please.

General Donations towards flowers for Christmas are
most welcome. Please give any donations to Val.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp is sponsored by
Laurie in memory of **Michael Hibling**.

Emily and Phil would like to thank everyone
who attended their wedding ceremony at St
Wilfrid's despite the dreadful weather. You made
it very special. A big thank you to Fr Andrew and
Simon. You made the service relaxed, personal
and meaningful for us. So many people
commented on it being such a wonderful joyous
ceremony.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz:
'Ask a sign of the LORD your God;
let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.'
But Ahaz said,
'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.'
And Isaiah said,
'Hear then, O house of David!
Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24(23):1-2,3-4b,5-6.R. cf. 7c,10b

R: Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.

1. The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **R.**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R.**
3. Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart
for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through
his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was
descended from David according to the flesh and was declared
to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness
by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through

whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the
obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,
including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be
saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 1:23

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel –
which means, God with us.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his
mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came
together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And
her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to
shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered
these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as
your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will
save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the
prophet:

'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall
call his name Emmanuel' – which means, God with us.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord
commanded him: he took his wife.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power
the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.