

Fourth Sunday of Advent

21st December, 2025

PURPLE



Collect

God of life,
you carry creation to birth
sharing yourself that all may live:
help us to walk with Mary
as she says Yes to life,
gives flesh to your Word
and holds your promise in her hands.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Psalm 80:1 - 8

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine
forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's
prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

Isaiah 7:10 - 16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 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. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and

choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1:1 - 7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18 - end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised Saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Nativity Pageant

21st December 16:00 All Saints, Mundesley

Join us in this small-scale pageant that will bring
adults and children of the village together to tell the
story of the real meaning of Christmas

Carols by Candlelight

21st December 18:30 St Peter & St Pauls, Knapton

A joyous evening of carols and readings to celebrate
the Christmas season by candlelight

Christingle

24th December 16:30 All Saints, Gimingham

An annual tradition in the village of Gimingham
with fun for all the family

Crib service

24th December 16:30, St Botolphs, Trunch

Join us for a service of celebration of the nativity by
candlelight

Midnight Mass

24th December 23:30, Midnight Mass, All Saints, Mundesley

All are welcome to join us for Midnight Mass as we
welcome in Christmas Day

Christmas Day Service

25th December 10:00, Christmas Service, St Botolphs, Trunch

Emmanuel, Christ with us! Join us for our special
Christmas Day service as we celebrate the birth of
our Lord and Saviour

Christmas Dinner

*25th December 12:00, Christmas Dinner, Mundesley
Community Hub*

All are welcome to attend Christmas Dinner at our
Community Hub, please contact Bob for a booking form
07533 081292

THE TRUNCH GROUP OF PARISHES

Bradfield, Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley,
Paston, Swafield, and Trunch

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10:00 **Holy Communion**, St Peter and St Pauls,
Knapton

16:00 **Nativity Pageant**, All Saints, Mundesley

18:30 **Carols by Candlelight**, St Peter and St Pauls,
Knapton

28th December | The Holy Innocents | RED

10:00 **BCP Holy Communion** St Margarets, Paston

10:00 **NO SERVICE**, St Botolphs, Trunch

During the week:

24th December | 16:30 **Christingle**, All Saints,
Gimingham

24th December | 16:30 **Crib Service**, All Saints,
Mundesley

24th December | 23:30 **Midnight Mass**, All Saints,
Mundesley

25th December | 10:00 **Christmas Day Service**, St
Botolphs, Trunch

Mundesley Community Hub:

Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00 **Holy Communion**

Everyone is warmly welcome to all of our
events/services



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