

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 21st December 2025

Advent 4



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: Rev Stephen Hannam

Reader:

Intercessor:

Roots and Shoots

Our next Roots and Shoots service will be
24th December @ 4pm
This will also be our crib service.
Everyone is welcome.

A Church Christmas card

This will be available in church. If you would
like to send your greetings to our church
family and make a donation to charity you
would be able to do that

Sum Up

Please find new QR code for giving.

Happy Birthday

Pat Ward (24th)

Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are ill, as
well as: Sylvia Nicholson, Sandra Hall, Jack
Eccles, Angela Taylor, Graham Davies,
Margaret Jackson, Jordan Wilkinson, Ed
Spivey, Charlotte Bailey, Ann Taylor,
Steve Rhodes and Rev. Anne Samuels.

Anniversary of Death

Amy Sykes (22nd)
Craig Read (24th)
John Foxley (25th)
Albert Huggett (26th)
Eric Gates (26th)

Christmas Events

Wed 24 December 4pm Crib service
Wed 24 December 11:30pm Midnight Mass

Within our Diocese

Toby Howarth - the Bishop of Bradford - acting
Diocesan Bishop of Leeds

Smitha Prasadam – Bishop of Huddersfield

Bill Braviner – Archdeacon of Halifax **James
Allison** ~ Area Dean

Paul Webb and Stephen Hannam– our vicars
at St John's, Clifton

The Staff and children of the Academy

St. John's in Rwamkoma Everyone who
worships at our link parish of St. John's,
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Service sheet Readings, Prayers and Hymns

December 21st – Advent 4

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading - Isaiah 7:14-16

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.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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.

Prayer after Communion

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**



A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid