

**UPCOMING EVENTS :** There are a number of events coming up over the next few months to look forward to.

**Join us for an evening with GUY STAGG Monday, February 9th, 7.30pm, Royston Parish Church.** Bow Books are delighted to welcome local author **Guy Stagg** to **Royston Parish Church**, where he will discuss his award-winning non-fiction books, **The Crossway** and **The World Within**, illustrated with slides. Tickets £5 per person (includes first drink free) available from Bow Books. Please see leaflet for more information.

14th February	- Church Quiz
18th April	- Cheese and wine evening
2nd & 4th May	- Book Fayre
19th June	- Hymns and PIMM's
20 <sup>th</sup> June	- Concert

#### **SUNDAY READING SHEET 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** **A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah**

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. *Isaiah 7:10-16*

#### **GOSPEL**

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. *Matthew 1:18-25*

# Royston Parish Church

Where all are welcome and God's love is shared  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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#### **Sunday 21st December**

09:00 - 09:45	<b>Communion Service that is quiet and reflective</b>
10:30 - 11:40	<b>Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments</b>
15:00 - 17:00	<b>Choir Practice</b>
17:00 - 18:15	<b>Traditional Christmas Carol Service</b>

#### **Monday 22nd December**

17:00 - 17:45	<b>Blue Christmas Service</b>
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#### **Tuesday 23rd December**

09:00 - 09:30	<b>Morning Prayer (incorporating prayer requests that have been left in church)</b>
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#### **Wednesday 24th December**

09:00 - 12:00	<b>Christmas Flowers</b>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>Crib Service 1</b>
16:00 - 17:00	<b>Crib Service 2</b>
23:00	<b>Midnight mass</b>

#### **Thursday 25th December**

10:00 - 11:00	<b>Christmas Day Family Communion Service</b>
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#### **Sunday 28th December**

09:00 - 09:45	<b>Communion Service in traditional language (BCP) that is quiet and reflective</b>
10:30 - 11:40	<b>Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments</b>

**We pray for all Christians worldwide:**

For all Christians in **Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China**

For all who are worship at Royston Methodist Church: Revd. Charity

For the work of our mission partners: Serving in Mission (SIM)

**Pray for the community of Royston:**

For our local health centres

For all who volunteer and make use of our local Foodbank

**We pray for our world and ECO projects:**

As we shop for Christmas food, we pray that we may choose sustainable items, low food miles and avoid waste.

**We pray for the sick and suffering:**

7 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	21 <sup>st</sup> December	28 <sup>th</sup> December
Lee Cockerill	Chris Christou	Val Brown	Peter Coates
Pat Pritchard	Paul & Pat Tidey	Angie & Ken Rushall	Emma & Phil Heath
Jackson Herbert	Mike Brown	Paula Walker	Peter Foster
Marion	Keith & Elaine Edwards		Gwen Simmons
Tibor Pollerman	Laura O'nyamul (On-Ya-Mul)		Maria Turi

**We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:**

Deceased	Bereaved
Olive Watson	Lisa Watson-Wild, family and friends
Carol Grimsey	Terry Grimsey, family and friends

**We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Ronald Brooks   Margaret Dunsford   F John Smith   Michael Saunders

**NOTICES**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no 11 am Wednesday Communion on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS:** Reverends Jaime and Steven will be available to come to the outside of your house to pray and chalk a blessing. If you would like at your house, please contact Jaime on [curate@roystonparishchurch.org](mailto:curate@roystonparishchurch.org) or phone 01763 243145 option 3.

**BEDS & HERTS BIKE 'N HIKE** Another successful year for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Bike 'n Hike which took place in September, 13 participants with their many supporters raised a total of £ 1,743 which was allocated £ 1,030 to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust (50% + Gift Aid) and £ 713 (50%) to our parish funds. Many thanks to the participants and their sponsors.

**FLOODING IN VIETNAM.** The recent storms in South East Asia have affected Vietnam as badly as has been reported in other neighbouring countries. Our link Church in Vietnam is in a position to bring relief aid to those affected. We will shortly be sending our regular gift from our Missions budget so, if you would like to add to it, please see John Fidler.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** As in previous years, we have a board in the South wall for us to write one Christmas card for the whole church family so that everyone is included and we lessen our impact upon the environment at the same time. Please do read the various greetings and messages from members of our church family.

If you wish to make a donation to the church, then please hold your phone's camera over this image then touch the link that appears:

