

## Sunday Worship Services

### 8:00am Holy Communion

No music, but plenty of opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection.

### 10:00am Service

Our main morning service, either has a crèche and groups for children and young people, is suitable for all ages, or there is a parallel service running for children and young people. Types of service vary, but share a contemporary and upbeat style.

### 3:00pm Sunday Classic - "Songs of Praise"

Come and sing some well-known hymns and have tea and cake. Every other month on the third Sunday of the month (next one: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018).

### 6:30pm "Refresh"

An evening service held on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December) - relaxed worship, relevant Bible teaching and renewal in the Spirit.

## Midweek Service

### Wednesday Morning at 10:00am - Holy Communion

A friendly service without music, with a short talk. Great if you can't get to church on a Sunday!



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## Newsletter Christmas 2019



### Letter from the Vicar



If we are honest, Christmas is sometimes messy, and not in a good way. The relatives don't get on, the turkey doesn't cook properly and the children are unhappy with their presents! We have all been there and know that what should be a special time can sometimes be disappointing.

What makes Christmas special? It's not about anything that we can do, but about what God has done. The clue is in the name! Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ, about God himself being born as a human being. When Jesus came into our world he came into a whole lot of mess. He was born in a stable and became a refugee when King Herod wanted to kill him. His life continued that way until he was put to death on a cross. So he understands the mess of our lives, but he is also able to transform it. He did not stay dead, but came alive again, offering us life beyond death.

Jesus makes Christmas special. We remember and give thanks for his birth and we celebrate the fact that he is alive today for you and me to know. Please join us for one of our Christmas events, including Messy Church, and you will hear more about how Jesus can transform the mess of our lives. Better still, sign up for the Alpha Course if you would like to explore more about how faith in Jesus brings meaning to life.

With all good wishes for a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year,

Revd Canon Andrew Marsden



# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christingle Service: 10:00am, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**



Adults and children make their own Christingle (see picture) in the School Hall and then come over to the church for a short service (starting at about 10:30am).

**Carol Service: 7:00pm, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

A candlelit service of Bible readings and carols, led by our Christmas choir.



**Crib Service: 6:00pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**



Particularly appropriate for families, as we build up the crib scene from figures hidden around the church, tell the story of the Nativity, and sing some favourite carols.

**Midnight Communion: 11:30pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

See in Christmas Day with carols and Holy Communion by candlelight.

**Christmas Day Celebration: 10:00am, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December.** A joyful celebration for all ages, including Holy Communion.



***Come and Celebrate!***



## Messy Church!

**3:15pm to 4:45pm,  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Join us in the church for our Christmas-themed Messy Church: crafts, activities and Christmas treats. Free fun for all the family. Help to decorate the Church's Christmas tree!

Youth Café for secondary school aged young people

Every Friday in term-time  
(except the third of the month)  
7—9pm in the Church

Café games, café crafts, coffee, hot chocolate mountains, youth band  
(bring an instrument if it's your thing)  
& café discussion - all for free!

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