

## **HYMNS AND READINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 4.00pm**

O Little town of Bethlehem  
Little Donkey  
See him lying on a bed of straw  
While Shepherds watched their flocks by night  
Away in a Manger  
The Christingle begins with an Orange  
Ding Dong merrily on high  
Jingle Bells  
We wish you a Merry Christmas x2

### **HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS 11.30pm**

#### **READINGS**

Isaiah 52 v 7 to 10  
Hebrews 1 v 1 to 4  
John 1 v 1 to 14

#### **CAROLS**

14 It came upon the midnight clear  
13 Silent night  
10 Hark the herald angels sing  
2 In the bleak mid-winter  
12 O come all ye faithful

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **FAMILY CELEBRATION HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS 10.00 am**

#### **READINGS**

Isaiah 9 v 2 to 7  
Titus 2 v 11 to 14  
Luke 2 v 1 to 1

### **CAROLS**

8 See amid the winter's snow (omit last 2 verses)  
4 As with gladness men of old (omit last 2 verses)  
16 God rest you merry, gentlemen, (verses 1, 2, 3 and last)  
11 Joy to the world, the Lord has come;  
10 Hark the herald-angels sing

### **COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Benefice Holy Communion 10.30 St Saviour's Harden**

### **READINGS**

Isaiah 61 v 10 to 62 v 3  
Galatians 4 v 4 to 7  
Luke 2 v 15 to 21

### **HYMNS**

36 Angels from the realms of glory  
733 While Shepherds watched their flocks by night  
384 Let us praise God together, let us praise  
1 Abba Father (Communion hymn x3)  
518 O praise ye the Lord

### **COLLECT**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.