



Church on the Hill

Sunday 25 December 2016



Christmas Day

Theme: God with us
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: 8.00am John/Jean Palmer
9.30am Susan Gill
Readings: Psalm 96, John 1:1 – 5, 9 – 14

Prayer for the day:

Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names. Today we celebrate your birth and thank you for being our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we've been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this celebration to welcome you as Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Candle Lighting:

Now we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. As the light from these candles glows brightly, we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the newborn King; the one who is Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us.

Response after candle lighting:

Today, we conclude our Advent journey as we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the one promised in scripture.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We celebrate the hope brought to earth by our Wonderful Counsellor.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We rejoice in the strength and power of a Mighty God.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We sing of peace on earth and good will to all people.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

And we lift our hearts in praise to our Everlasting Father.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us! Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Amen.

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church this morning.

All are invited to join together in Communion using the shared cup, a dipped wafer or individual glasses of wine and grape juice. Prayer is available for you or loved ones after each service.

December Services

Wednesday: 28 December
10.00am Holy Communion (1662)

Wednesday: 18 January
10.00am Holy Communion (1662)

January Services

Sunday: 1 January
8.45am Holy Communion
10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday: 22 January
8.45am Holy Communion
10.45am Praise on the Hill

Wednesday: 25 January
10.00am Holy Communion (1662)

Wednesday: 4 January
10.00am Holy Communion (1662)

Sunday 29 January
8.45am Holy Communion
10.45am Praise on the Hill

Sunday: 8 January
8.45am Holy Communion
10.45am Praise on the Hill

St Albans' Appleby Services

Wednesday: 11 January
10.00am Holy Communion (1662)

Sunday 8 January
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday: 15 January
8.45am Morning Worship
10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 22 January
10.30am Morning Worship

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Office Hours
Closed 23 December 2016
Reopens 9 January 2017
10.00am - 1.00pm