

As we prepare for the coming of the Word made flesh, let us with Mary magnify the Lord, who has done great things for us. In expectation we come before God, seeking the Lord's presence in all areas of our lives and the life of the world. **We ask God to be present** in the Church. May we, like Mary, sing for joy, and may the light of Christ shine out of us. **We ask God to be present** in the world that waits for the Prince of Peace. May those who live with war and persecution know the change that only a divine miracle can bring. **We ask God to be present** in our communities. May the places in which we live and work be full of joy and the love of God. **We ask God to be present** with those in need. May the Lord be beside those who are sick, distressed and bereaved, bringing comfort and hope. Bringing before you those who have asked for our prayers we pray for: Jennifer, Nicky, Tessa, Claire, Nick, George, Rebecca, Sally, and Clare. **We celebrate God's presence** in the eternal kingdom where all God's children will find an everlasting home. May those who have recently died rest in peace and rise in glory.

Nine lessons and carols last Sunday

It was wonderful to see St John's full last Sunday, with parents and families from Scott Broadwood School along with many from our regular congregations as we joined together to worship and celebrate the Christmas story in our 9 Lessons and Carols. The school children were magnificent singing 3 of their nativity songs and taking part in the readings too. There has been much positive feedback from parents and others

Hampers were safely delivered to Scott Broadwood School and others who we knew would appreciate some assistance this Christmas. Thank you to Jessie and Leigh who organised and assembled the wonderful donations of Christmas food that many of you provided. Thank you everyone for your generosity and the vestry is now empty!!

Dorking Foodbank has also sent a Christmas e card wishing us at Capel and Ockley every blessing for a happy Christmas. Thank you to all who donate to them throughout the year.

Vicarage Nativity Scene -the Holy Family have once again pitched their tent on the vicarage front lawn! Thank you to Christina Curtis and to Doug for their assembly of stable and figures once again this year. If you wish to donate to show appreciation please consider giving to a homeless charity or to LeatherheadSTART - our local homeless shelter - but besides all that it is simply our gift to you! HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday
22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sunday 22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 Holy Communion BCP - Ockley
10.30 Morning Worship - Capel

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service - Capel
11pm Midnight Communion - Capel

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Celebration Communion - Ockley
10am Christmas Day Worship - Capel

Sunday 29th December - First Sunday of Christmas

9.30 Parish Service of Matins - Ockley

Sunday 5th January - The Epiphany

9.30 Matins - Ockley
10.30 Family Communion - Capel

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion
with visit from Community Fridge

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'

Luke 1.46

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