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24 December 2017, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM *"I will sing forever of your love, O Lord."*

PLEASE PRAY for all whose anniversary occurs at this time including William Benner, Beatrice Bailey, Michael Lowe and Elizabeth White. May they rest in peace.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – THIS YEAR IS A YEAR OF MISSION

In November a painting by Leonardo da Vinci was sold for \$450m. That makes it the most expensive painting ever. It is called Salvator Mundi - the Saviour of the World - and depicts Christ with his hand raised in blessing. In his hand he holds an orb, reminding us that Christ is the Saviour of all the world. We don't know exactly what Jesus looked like, but from his stories and parables Jesus has told us what God looks like. The woman you visited in prison - God looks like her, Jesus says. The rough sleeper you passed in the shop doorway – he bears the features of the divine. The money you gave to CAFOD - you placed that cash into the hands of God. We don't need to spend \$450 million to see the face of Christ. The child born in a stable and crucified between two thieves teaches us that we can see him in all around us.



CRIB OFFERING

This year's Crib Offering will be sent to the Good Counsel network, a charity which helps mothers in a practical way who have been abandoned because of their decision to keep their child.

100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the December Draw: 1st Pat Barry, 2nd Margaret van Eyken, and the bonus draw, Sheila Edwards. The total raised for parish funds by the 100 Club in 2017 was £409. Subscriptions are due in January for 2018, just £12 for the year, or £13 if you are a new subscriber. Please see Julia to be sure your number(s) go in the drum in 2018.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Many thanks for those who have enrolled their children for First Holy Communion. If there are any more, then please speak to Fr Bede.

He is also collecting names of young adults 13+ who wish to be confirmed. At the moment, he just needs names and contact details, and will put together the course and the confirmation date. Please contact Fr Bede on bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com

SEE IN THE NEW YEAR AT DOWNSIDE

This year Downside is celebrating New Year's Day and New Year's Day in a special, spiritual way, focusing on Mary, the Mother of God, whose Solemnity is on 1st January, and also on the World Day of Prayer for Peace. The full programme can be found on the poster in the porch, or contact Rina Bird 01761 241289 or email rinabird@outlook.com for more information.

PLEASE DON'T PARK in the numbered spaces during the week, Monday to Saturday inclusive – these are all rented out now and their users are understandably irritated if their space is taken. Thank you.

Bulletin News

Please send any items for inclusion by the Thursday before publication to Jacky Tucker 01749 830695, email: jax.tucker@btinternet.com

Gift Aid it

If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or understand it better, please contact Julia Yardley, Parish Treasurer, tel: 01749 831435

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK 24 – 31 December 2017

Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mass at 9.00am, Carols and 1st Mass of Christmas 6.00pm
Mon	Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day (<i>Alice Pratten RIP</i>)	Mass at 9.00am, Polish Mass at 4.30pm
Tue	St Stephen, the First Martyr	No Service
Wed	St John, Apostle, Evangelist	No Service
Thur	Holy Innocents, Martyrs	No Service
Fri	St Thomas Becket, Patron of Pastoral Clergy (<i>Prayers of the Parish</i>)	Mass at 9.15am
Sat	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas	No Service
Sun	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Mass at 9.00am

Sunday Mass at St Mary's, Glastonbury, Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am and 6.00pm (Latin).

FROM THE ROTAS

TODAY 24 December

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, T Horten-Smith, D Barnes

The Word Edward Moreland, Andrew Barnes

Coffee Jane and Gerald Andrews

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS: 24 December, 6pm

Welcome Jacky Tucker

The Word Tom Yardley, Christine Davies

The Eucharist D Barnes, C Rossiter, C Davies

Flowers All arrangers please

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: 25 December, 9am

Welcome Volunteer please

The Word Caroline Hutton, Rhona Carr

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, T Horten-Smith, F Moreland

THIS WEEK AND NEXT SUNDAY : 26 – 31 December

Cleaning Teresa Mc Allister and Pam Payne

Flowers Rhona Carr

Welcome Jacky Tucker

The Word Tim Horten-Smith, Tom Yardley

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, D Barnes, C Davies

Coffee Christine Davies, Mary Rymes

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last Sunday = £196.48 (incl. £34.00 Gift Aided) Thank you.

By tradition, the Christmas Offertory Collection will be your personal gift to the Parish Priest.

THANK YOU to cleaners, flower arrangers, sacristans, choir .. indeed everyone who helps to make the church and the Christmas celebrations beautiful, thank you. The special collections for flowers = £95.13.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 3 Jan 7pm Legion of Mary meeting in the parish room

Thu 4 Jan 1.45-2.30pm Mothers Prayers in the parish room

FUNDRAISING 2018

Fundraising is an important part of parish life, not just financially, but socially too. In January (date to be agreed) we shall have a little get together to pool ideas for the coming year, so please think about what events you would like to see happen, and better still, what you might be able to help organise. Please let Jacky know if a daytime or evening meeting would suit best.

PARISH ROOM DOOR

There is a problem with the door to the parish room being left insecure. Please be sure to test the small handle of the digital door lock to check as you leave. Please also be aware that the code for the parish room door will be changed on 4th January 2018. Jacky, Fr Bede or Anitra will have the new code.

PIGEON HOLES

Do remember to check your pigeon hole in the church porch for Christmas Greetings and other items marked for you. Thank you.

POLISH MASS

There will be a Christmas Mass in the Polish Language on Monday at 4.30pm.