

Year B

# Entrance antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth Saviour.

First Reading " The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord." 2 Samuel 7;1-16

Luke 1 : 26-38

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.""

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm		I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord. ( 3 )		
Second Reading	"The myster	v which was kent secret for endless ages is now made clear "	Rom 16:25-25	

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said to be done to me. Alleluia!

#### Gospel "Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son."

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Advent Season

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation

DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 23rd	4.00 pm @Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	4th Sunday of Advent	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish		B & K McFall	Sr Rose	B & K McFall
SUN 24th	9.00 am	Intentions of Jackie Flynn		S McCarthy/L Cleeve	C St John/F Ostrowski	volunteers
	11.00 am	Intentions of Jiminez Family		R Evans/J Hurst	J & M Franta	Kokore Family
	2.00 pm	Clare Whitehead (Birthday)		Sr Sani/Sr Rose	A Mutton	F Ostrowski
	6.00 pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby, Angela Nelson & Hilda McNichol (RIP)	Christmas Eve	C Moyse/ H Henwood	Sr Rose/M Brown	F Ostrowski Volunteer
	7.30 pm@ Hethe	Carols followed by Mass @				
	8.00 pm@ Hethe	People of the Parish		R Deane/B Kelly		Deane/Wilde
	11.30 pm	Carols followed by Mass @				
	Midnight	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)	Solemnity of the	T Love/H King	A Mutton/J Marshall	Kokore family
MON 25th	9.00 am	People of the Parish & Joan Bridle (RIP)	Nativity of the Lord	C St John	L & D Jimirez	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Ints of Ann Swanson		Volunteers	Frankie/Volunteer	Volunteers
TUE 26th	12 Noon	John, Neil & Eddie Ward & Joseph Joyce (RIP)	St Stephen's Day	M Daniel	J Kokore	
WED 27th	9.00 am	Intentions of Maricel Franta	Feast of St John, A, E	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 28th	7.00 pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of the Holy Innocents, M	H King		
FRI 29th	12 noon	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of St Thomas Becket, B, M	E King		
SAT 30th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	Octave of Christmas	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Ints of Helena Nowak		T Nugent/ P Cousins	S & M Doherty	S & M Doherty
SUN 31st	9.00 am	Mieczyslaw Checko (RIP)	Feast of the Holy Family	M Daniel/L Cleeve	L & R Weaver	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Neil Schrieber (RIP)		J Franta/ A Kearsley	J Kokore/Sr Rose	Franta Family
MON 1st January	12 noon	Gertrude & Cyril Hurst (RIP)	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God	M Daniel	J Kokore	



This week we pray for... SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP) **OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Helena Nowak** 

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# Week beginning of 24th to 31st December 2023 Psalter 4



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Teams for	24/12	31/12	7/1	14/1	21/1	28/1
Children lit. (4)	none	none	tbc			
Coffee 9am (10)	10	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (9) <del>5</del>	3	4	6	7	8	9
Flowers	All	All	Dismantle	Kasia	Kasia	Sandy

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone. CONFESSIONS: Hethe: Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy) Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent) PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277. PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses. URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent.

<u>CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS</u>: This is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that are available. Alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless card machine which is in the front porch of the Church. Thank you.

<u>ALTAR SERVERS RENEWAL:</u> I invite all altar servers to participate at Mass on Tuesday, 26th December at 12 noon, as we celebrate the feast of St Stephen, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. Altar Servers will renew their commitment during this mass. After Mass, refreshments will be available in the Centre. All welcome.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:** There are parishioners who give through bank standing order, few others via the Tap & Go machine, *but* many others through the offertory bags. Give whatever you can and simply don't ignore the offertory collectors. In which ever way you contribute financially to the parish, please take the bag as it is passed along and pass it on to the next person. We all need to create a culture of supporting this...*your* parish. *Please aive what you can—God Bless You.* 

**OPEN DOORS CAFÉ, BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH, CHRISTMAS LUNCH. 25th December 12pm-4pm.** The churches in Bicester will be hosting a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day at Bicester Methodist Church. If you would like to come or know anyone who would like to come, you can book a place free of charge by emailing: <u>bicesterchristmaslunch@gmail.com</u>. Alternatively you can contact Deacon Nick, or complete the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church porch. Free Transport can be provided if needed.

**RAFFLE:** The draw takes place on **Sunday, 24th Dec** after the 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

**<u>REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP</u>** has some still outstanding needs for the Afghan families, nine families are expected before Christmas. See poster at the back of church. Thank you in advance for any contributions. **<u>THE CHOSEN</u>**: Will resume from the month of February.

**Parish Environmental Recycling Tip of the Week: Energy** Turn central heating thermostat down to minimum before you go to bed and whenever you leave the house. Keep internal doors closed to reduce drafts. Close curtains after dark.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We are currently short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

**MISSION APPEAL** The weekend of 6th and 7th January 2024, Father Stephen Kariuki, from St Patrick's Mission Society will be appealing in both our parishes for missions. Let us support the work of Evangelization in mission countries. with our prayers and generosity.

**<u>CAROL SINGING WITH THE POLISH COMMUNITY:</u>** On Tuesday, 26th December from 4pm in Church followed refreshments in St John Paul II Centre. All are welcome.

#### **Council Meetings in 2024 for Bicester Parish**

Pastoral Council: 31st Jan, 20th May, 2nd Sep & 4th November at 7pm. Finance Council: 30th Jan, 21st May, 3rd Sep & 5th November at 7 pm. Council meetings in 2024 for Hethe Parish

Pastoral & Finance: 5th Feb, 6th May, 2nd Sep, 4th Nov at 10 am. **PARISH OPEN FORUM/MEETING:** This meeting will he held on Saturday, 22nd June from 10 am to 12 noon. All parishioners are invited for an Open Meeting in the St John Paul II Centre. It will be nice to see parishioners who are new to the Bicester area. We encourage you to come forward with any ideas and suggestions, these will be received in a positive spirit, so that we can all feel that this parish belongs to everyone. I look forward to seeing you all.

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# MASS TIMES Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December 2.00 pm - Bicester 6.00 pm - Bicester 8.00 pm - Hethe

 $11.30\ pm$  - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December 9 am & 11 am - Bicester

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## Dates to remember

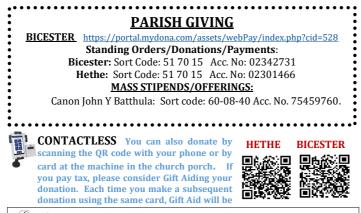
#### **December**

24th: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in St Paul II Centre 26th: Altar Servers Mass & Social after 12 noon Mass in St JPII Centre

# Year 2024

Friday 12th Jan - Monthly Coffee Morning Sunday, 28th Jan- First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 9am Saturday 16th March- Confirmations in both Parishes Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent) Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th March - Parish Visitations (Both Parishes) Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communions (St Mary's) at 11am Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communions (non St Mary's) at 11 am Sunday 2nd June - Corpus Christi Procession after 11 am Mass Sunday 7th July - Family Festival & presentation of Certificates (11 am Mass)

**COFFEE MORNINGS 2024** Dates are now on the notice board.



# Financial Information SECOND COLLECTIONS

23rd/24th December: Parish Maintenance Christmas Crib Collection 2024—Friends of the Holy Land

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: Traditional offering to the parish priest 7th January: Mission Appeal

14th January: Parish Maintenance

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£247	£158.29	£1165	£160	410
Hethe	£35		£170		30

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Sani; or speak to me. (Canon John)

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# ORDER OF MASS DURING ADVENT AND LENT

Priest:In the name of the Father .....People:AmenPriest:The Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.Penitential Act



#### **Everyone:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

After the first and second readings Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God Gospel acclamation



Reader Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ..... ... (a few words)

People Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Before the Gospel readingPriest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.People:And with your spirit.Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to..People:Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel readingPriest:The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Creed - The Nicene Creed

- Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
- For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Bidding Prayers All: Hear our Prayer

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- People: And with your spirit.
- Priest: Lift up your hearts.
- People: We lift them up to the Lord.
- Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People It is right and just.

Everyone: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation Priest: **The mystery of faith**.

People: ONE OF THESE:

- A We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
- B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
- C Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

#### Doxology

Priest:	Through him, and with him, and in him, O God,
	almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
	glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
People	Amen
Priest:	At the Saviour's command and formed by divine
	teaching, we dare to say: Our Father
Priest::	Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
People:	For the kingdom, the power and the glory are
-	yours now and for ever.

#### Sign of Peace

Priest:The peace of the Lord be with you always.PeopleAnd with your spirit.Priest/Deacon:Let us offer each other the sign of peace.To each other:Peace be with you

#### Lamb of God

People:	Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
Priest:	Behold the Lamb of God,
People:	Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Concluding	Rites
Priest:	The Lord be with you.
People	And with your spirit
Priest:	May almighty God
All: Amen	
Priest/Deacon:	Go & announce the Gospel of the Lord

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