

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 31 December 2017

The First Sunday of Christmas

President, Preacher Hannah Alderson, Bill Pattinson
Readers Geoff Crockett, Cathy Knowles
Prayers Richard Johnson
6pm NO Evening Prayer



Hymns: 86, 89, 80, 72

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

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of
salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and
praise

to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the
Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4.4-7: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2.15-21: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Keep in your prayers: Pat Coward; George Tout; Janet Horner; Jim Dyer; Ben Grimsey; Nikki; Christopher Heaven

NOTICES:

Our new vicar Nigel Guthrie will be licensed to this parish on Tuesday 16 January at 7:30pm at St David's. Sarah, Bishop of Crediton (soon to be Bishop of London), will officiate. Refreshments will be served afterwards and everyone is welcome

We are preparing a larger welcome for Nigel Guthrie and family when they move into the vicarage in January. If you would like to contribute food or drink (by 6 January please) speak to Emma. Thank you for your help with giving them all a warm welcome

Silent Prayer in the Lady Chapel: Alternate Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7:30-8pm, optional coffee afterwards. January 11 & 23, February 8 & 20, March 8 & 20. See poster at the back, or speak to Christopher Durrant. "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him." Psalm 62.5

Stay and Play: Need a break from shopping with the children? Come in and stay with your children for play, Stories and craft activities, tea, coffee and children's refreshments available. 1:30-3.30PM ON SATURDAYS 3 February, 3 March, 7 April 2018 @ ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, HIGH STREET, EXETER

Notices: if you have notices to share, please send them to notices@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk or give them to Helena in church



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