

# 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Joint Benefice

### Advent 4

# Service Sheet

**Welcome to our**  
**09:30 Service of the Word**  
**with Reader, Kate Brookbank**  
*A recording will be available on YouTube*

### Our Diocese Together - December

The December issue of "Our Diocese Together" is now [available to download](#) from the Diocese of Derby website or to view online [here](#).

### "Inbetween" Deanery Newsletter

Our Deanery Newsletter is available to download from here:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/deaneries/north-east-derbyshire-deanery/north-east-derbyshire-parishes.html>

### National online services streaming dates

The C of E, in collaboration with a range of Christian charities and organisations, will produce online services throughout Advent and Christmas. This includes an online service for each Sunday of Advent, a Christingle with The Children's Society to which Bishop Libby contributes, nine lessons and carols and midnight services. Charities involved include Christian Aid, Church Army, Embrace and Marie Curie.

They will all be broadcast on the C of E YouTube and Facebook pages.

20 Dec, 9:00am - Fourth Sunday of Advent with Marie Curie

22 Dec, 9:00am - A service of Lessons and Carols with Christian Aid

24 Dec, 11:30pm - Midnight Mass with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Dover

27 Dec, 9:00am - First Sunday of Christmas with Church Army

31 Dec, 9:00am - A service with the Archbishop of York on New Year's Eve

3 Jan, 9:00am - A service for Epiphany with Embrace the Middle East

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Welcome**

**Reflective music based on 'O Come O Come Emmanuel'**

*In the recorded version of this service, you'll be able to sing along*



O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou dayspring, come and  
cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight!  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law<sup>4</sup>  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

We are now in the season of Advent, a time of promise and a time of preparing.  
We will light the Advent candle(s) and pray that God will be with us.

Lighting of four Advent candles.  
Words of the Advent Candle Song:

Winter's here, we hardly see the sun  
cold damp days can make your spirits  
glum;  
Though it's dark when school is done,  
Advent tells us that the Lord will come  
So, through all December's dark and  
dreary days,  
clap your hands and sing your Advent  
praise.

Then we'll symbolize with candle 'four',  
Mary, Holy Mother of the Lord;  
Soon we'll shout with joy and say  
Advent's over and it's Christmas Day.  
So, through all December's dark and  
dreary days  
clap your hands and sing your Advent  
praise.

Let us pray:

O God of hope, joy, peace and love, send your light to us so we can be ready to  
welcome Jesus again. Live in us and help us to live in you. **Amen.**

**Saying sorry to God**

As we journey through the season of Advent and look at a new beginning, help  
us to say sorry for all the things we have done wrong. As brothers and sisters in  
God's family, we ask God and each other for forgiveness for the times we fail.

Jesus comes in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.

**All: Lord forgive us.**

Jesus comes with good news for all people, forgive our silence.

**All: Christ, forgive us.**

Jesus comes in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness.

**All: Lord, forgive us.**

## ***The Absolution, Collect for the day and the Affirmation of Faith:***

### **Collect**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We affirm our faith together as a community, uniting ourselves to all Christians, in the past, present and future:

Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;  
where fear and courage join hands,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst, sharing our humanity.  
We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond the safe place,  
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.**

**Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.**

### ***Reflective music***

### ***Gospel – Luke 1: 26-38***

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;

therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

At the end of the Gospel, the reader may say: This is the word of the Lord, to which the response is:

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Reflective music based on 'The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came'**

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The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as  
flame:

"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt  
be,  
All generations laud and honour thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers  
foretold,  
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her  
head;

"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.

"My soul shall laud and magnify God's  
holy name."

Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk through-out the world  
will ever say:

"Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

## **Sermon**

### **Reflective music**

#### **The Magnificat (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

**My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

**For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.**

**He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

**He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

**He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

## **The Angelus Prayer, Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer.**

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.

**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it done unto me according to thy word.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

And the word was made flesh.

**And dwelt among us.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of the Angel, so by his Cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

At the end of each prayer, the leader may say: Lord in your mercy, to which the response is:

**All: hear our prayer.**

.....ending with the Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***Christ's Peace***

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

***Reflection on Mary and Joseph***

***Going out to serve God***

Lord, surround us with your love as we go from this place.



Let lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth and let ears that have heard your word always listen to your will.

Give us the grace to work for the coming of your kingdom here on earth, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Grace**

Let us say the Grace together:

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Jocelyn's Reflection for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

There are two entirely different people in our readings today. One is a very important and successful king – David - and the other, an unimportant girl from the back of beyond. David, the conquering King, holding together the tribes of Israel in one kingdom, with one government and one nation. He's been very successful, and he knows he owes it all to God. Now, when all the wars are over, and he's getting on a bit, he decides to build a proper temple for God. It will be a good one, with silver and gold, and decent timber. It will be in the middle of his capital city, Jerusalem. And, on the face of it, it would have been a brilliant idea. He would be uniting the nation's spirituality as he had united the tribes. And we, in our own history are very well aware of the shattering of lives when differing strands of a religion get going. I am also thinking of the division in our own country at the moment – what was initially thought of as a uniting event, Brexit, let alone the Virus, has turned out to be anything but. Of course, David would get a lot of glory himself, being the one who had such a magnificent temple built – and he would probably had a special place within it. But it was not the right time, not God's time; and Nathan had the unenviable task of explaining this to David. David had to respond to God, which he did with reasonable grace. Perhaps grace is somewhat lacking today. David accepted that God's time was not his time, and prepared the way for his son, Solomon, to build the great Temple. Do we have to accept that what we want is not possible? Many centuries later, after much upset in the nation's history, and at a time when even the "whisper of God" was absent, no-one thought that God would be active in his world. They lived in an occupied country; there were different factions trying to create revolution; yet there was no single, obvious way in which God was speaking to them - God had surely forgotten them. Perhaps nowadays, that is the thought of many people. But then we have the intimate picture of God's messenger talking to an insignificant girl with an elderly cousin. What must she have thought? Firstly, Elizabeth, at her great age, is expecting a baby!!!! That would have kept the village gossips going for ages. But that's not all - she herself would also be expecting soon as well. Mary had far more to lose than David, no great glory would be hers at the end of this venture, and David was still king and ruler. But Mary risked ridicule and disgust from those around her. The family's honour would be as nothing, and she could be cast out. Yet she was prepared to let God be God and to trust. Of course, from our side of the passage of time, she has great glory, - known as the God-bearer, and the Mother of our Lord. Mary accepts what the angel says to her, simply trusting that God knows what God is doing, even if she doesn't. Her example of humble, trusting acceptance has been a role model for women and men throughout the ages and throughout the world. Humility and trust are not attitudes that can be enforced upon another, but they are ways for each of us to respond to God. Mary said "Here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word." Being honest, that's fine when you can see the outcome and it's alright. But Mary's response to God's call is a challenge to us. For she couldn't see what was to come – not in its entirety – and yet she was content to obey and trust God.

As we get closer to the celebration day of Christmas, I pray that we may take time to hear God's word for us, and to respond. We don't know what will be asked, or where it will take us, but God is faithful, and to be trusted. Amen

Jocelyn

## Bishop Libby's Updates

15<sup>th</sup> December

As many of you will know, I am Vice Chair of The Children's Society. This year that role has been especially important - the coronavirus pandemic has impacted all our lives this year, but none more so than vulnerable children and young people. I have been very grateful, therefore, to share in Christingle Services, locally and nationally, that support the work of The Children's Society.



Many of us have fond memories of the wonderful, magical moment in a Christingle Service when, in a darkened church or hall, the Christingles are lit one from another, until the whole place is illuminated. It's a powerful symbol of the Christian life – one light on its own has a limited range. But if we join our lights to those of others, we can reflect the light of Jesus himself, and become, as we read in Matthew's Gospel, a 'city built on a hill that cannot be hidden' and 'a lampstand that gives light to all in the house'.

Thank you for the ways you are sharing the light and hope of Jesus, for young and old, in your communities as we approach Christmas. It has been a long, hard year but the Light of Christ shines in the darkness. In perhaps necessarily simpler and gentler ways this year, the worship and service you offer that light is reflected and magnified. I thank God for your faithful witness.

+Libby

### A Prayer in Preparation for Christmas

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Advent Hope

As we emerge from the second lockdown and enter Advent, we look for the coming of Christ and of his kingdom, and the hope that gives us. Between 30 November 2020 and 24 December 2020, Bishop Libby invites you to join her each week for an hour of prayer and reflection together based upon seasonal Bible passages and collects.

Advent Hope is open to all and will be held on Monday morning from 8am - 9am and repeated on Thursday evening from 8pm - 9pm. Do pass this invitation on to your communities and congregations. Please email [halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org](mailto:halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org) for the access link.

## Be part of our Christmas Carol video

There's nothing quite like singing carols together at Christmas. Sadly, this year, we can't hold our usual carol services – so we're going to make a special version of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" to get us all singing as a diocese, in the spirit of hope and togetherness.

We'd love you to take part, by videoing yourself(elves) singing this most well-known of carols! How to take part (PDF) <https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=0e037f4c0f&e=194e035b06> . Download the audio track (mp3) <https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=62e26dfbac&e=194e035b06> . Download the words (PDF) <https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=ddecc75428&e=194e035b06>

# Services Live and Recordings

## **A Recording of today's service will be available on YouTube.**

The previous live service recordings here:

26<sup>th</sup> July [https://youtu.be/\\_c\\_mUoqB4qA](https://youtu.be/_c_mUoqB4qA), 2<sup>nd</sup> August <https://youtu.be/bVYNWxQa1Ys>,  
9<sup>th</sup> August with Bishop Libby <https://youtu.be/UYZNkREIQm4>,  
16<sup>th</sup> August <https://youtu.be/zFJdtswW0Vo>, 23<sup>rd</sup> August <https://youtu.be/3Fwvr6SgnhY>,  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug. <https://youtu.be/QkLjupMz6Qg> 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. <https://youtu.be/LQfcHwsqXN0>  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept. <https://youtu.be/6GvFQIEm3-4> 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. <https://youtu.be/b68PPA9VELA>,  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct.: <https://youtu.be/YJdMqvsAMOM> 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: <https://youtu.be/jIT7FcfbgYY>  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct. <https://youtu.be/J2mItfOYyMI> 1st Nov. <https://youtu.be/FCeikJf-UnQ>  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov.: <https://youtu.be/KdcfkN3Ze5k> 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. <https://youtu.be/SRfgoxu9Rak>  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec. <https://youtu.be/6E5N64RB-78>

**Archdeacon Carol's services and reflections** from previous weeks can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchChesterfield> - You don't need a Facebook account to view them.

## **Rev'd. Janet's and Kate's (home) recorded Services:**

26<sup>th</sup> April - <https://youtu.be/KQTUVYOkFQg> 3rd May - [https://youtu.be/1P\\_NmRB8IpI](https://youtu.be/1P_NmRB8IpI)  
17<sup>th</sup> May - [https://youtu.be/RgYQ8uoj\\_E0](https://youtu.be/RgYQ8uoj_E0) 24<sup>th</sup> May - <https://youtu.be/jcs8Vcfakio>  
7<sup>th</sup> June - <https://youtu.be/4ABhUXuDf8I>, 14<sup>th</sup> June - <https://youtu.be/rQ3488skRoQ>  
21<sup>st</sup> June - <https://youtu.be/dZyRLm95Qaq>, 5<sup>th</sup> July <https://youtu.be/-JOqnHIBEvM>  
12<sup>th</sup> July <https://youtu.be/ICcTh5eZzMA> 19<sup>th</sup> July [https://youtu.be/o\\_vknM84B2g](https://youtu.be/o_vknM84B2g)  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept. <https://youtu.be/7Qv1Q13uXO4> 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.: <https://youtu.be/yXbOn0LrNzw>  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov.: <https://youtu.be/P1yIK8an16k> 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. <https://youtu.be/NkEn9A1r5no>  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> April Compline service - <https://youtu.be/lJmq2bSaJvI>

## **And Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2020 with Rev'd Adrian Murray-Leslie:**

<https://youtu.be/8ubzO331R6U>

## **Other local services - The Crooked Spire's service(s) available here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDrGU56c59qfgQeHsWOoy1g>

Newbold's service(s) available on their YouTube channel here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWT9vXrDSQZnnNVHLF4ITYA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWT9vXrDSQZnnNVHLF4ITYA?view_as=subscriber)

## **Diocese of Derby - Links to Online Services in the Diocese:**

[https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y88YQLe4xABvKt5\\_R8T8Y-Wr0I5zh41-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1KA](https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y88YQLe4xABvKt5_R8T8Y-Wr0I5zh41-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1KA)