

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, *[in this holy night]* your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Keep safe all refugees and all who are without a roof over their heads.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world, those caught up in the conflict and war zones which so beset your people.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom, all our loved ones who we see no longer.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today, and bless our celebrations with a knowledge of your love and presence among us.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

Father, *[in this holy night]* angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PARISH OF AMBLECOTE, HOLY TRINITY
25 December 2016

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



THE COLLECT

Midnight Mass

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your holy spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES TODAY

2330 **MIDNIGHT MASS AND FIRST COMMUNION
OF CHRISTMASS**

0800 **Said Mass of the Nativity of Christ**
(traditional language)

0930 **FESTAL MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**
NO Evening Service

READINGS FOR THE MASS

	SET I – 8am	SET II -9.30am	SET III - Midnight
OT	Isa 9.2-7	Isa 62.6-end	Isa 52.7-10
Psalm	96	97	98
NT	Titus 2.11-14	Titus 3.4-7	Heb 1.1-4
Gospel	Luke 2.1-14	Luke 2.8-20	John 1.1-14

HYMNS FOR MIDNIGHT MASS AND THE PSALM RESPONSE *On the sheet*

HYMNS FOR CHRISTMASS DAY

SOP 63 42 34 62 53

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM AT 9.30

The Lord is King! Let the earth rejoice.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, AMBLECOTE

RCL – YrA :: Nativity of our Lord / DEL – Yr1 :: Christmass Week

SERVICES ON SUNDAY – 25 December 2016

CHRISTMASS DAY

- 2330 **MIDNIGHT MASS AND FIRST COMMUNION
OF CHRISTMASS**
- 0800 **Said Mass of the Nativity of Christ**
(traditional language)
- 0930 **FESTAL MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**
NO Evening Service

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY BETWEEN 9 AND 5 FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER, DEVOTION, AND VISITING.**

- MON** **S Stephen's Day**
26 1100 **Said Mass of S Stephen**
- TUE** **S John, Apostle and Evangelist**
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- WED** **The Holy Innocents**
28 0900 Morning Prayer
0930 **Said Mass of the Holy Innocents**
1700 Evening Prayer
- THU** *S Thomas Becket, Archbishop, Martyr, 1170*
29 0900 Morning Prayer
1100 **Said Mass**
1700 Evening Prayer
- FRI** *Christmass*
30 0900 Morning Prayer
1700 Evening Prayer
- SAT** *John Wyclif, reformer, 1384*
31 0900 Morning Prayer

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY – 1 JANUARY 2017 THE NAMING OF JESUS

- 0800 **Said Mass of the Naming of Christ**
(traditional language)
- 1000 **FESTAL MASS OF THE NAMING OF JESUS**
- 1800 New Year's Praise

READINGS FOR THE NAMING OF JESUS

OT	Numbers 6.22-end
Psalm	8
NT	Galatians 4.4-7
Gospel	Luke 2.15-21

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*With our prayers for a Blessed
Christmas and a wonderful
celebration of God-made-Man*

THANK YOU!

It has taken a lot of work to prepare and beautify the church for this Christmas celebration, so a big thank you to all those who have moved furniture, cleaned, tidied, arranged flowers and crib, sung carols and made tea.

And Fr Alan says thanks for all the cards and gifts.

ADVENT BOOKS

If you have taken an Advent book for reading, please can you return it to Joan Bartlett as soon as you have finished it. Thank you.

A PEACE POLE FOR AMBLECOTE

Next Sunday 1 January at 11.30pm, we will be 'planting' and dedicating a peace pole in our churchyard. We hope you will stay around and help us. The pole is to be a witness to the peace and love of God for all his people.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Mo 26 St Stephen, First Martyr
11.00am Said Mass of St Stephen

We 28 The Holy Innocents
9.30am Said Mass

Th 29 11.00am Said Mass

JANUARY 2017

SU 1 THE NAMING OF JESUS

FR 6 THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
7.30pm FESTAL MASS

Sa 7 9.30am Prayer and Care
7.00pm Epiphany Revels
Camel Drive *Bring and Share*

SU 8 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
10.00am Parade Mass

Mo 9 2.00pm Kneeler Group

We 11 3.00pm Afternoon Tea

SU 15 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

We 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Th 19 2.00pm Mothers' Union

SU 22 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Mo 23 7.30pm WPCU Service of
Wholeness, healing, and reconciliation

SU 29 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY

SU 5 THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

We 8 3.00pm Afternoon Tea

Sa 11 9.30am Prayer and Care

SU 12 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Mo 13 2.00pm Kneeler Group

Th 16 2.00pm Mothers' Union

SU 19 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SU 26 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

MARCH

WE 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Said Mass with imposition

7.30pm SUNG MASS with
imposition of ashes

SU 5 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sa 11 9.30am Prayer and Care

SU 12 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Mo 13 2.00pm Kneeler Group

SU 19 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SU 26 MOTHERING SUNDAY

APRIL

SU 2 PASSION SUNDAY

Sa 8 9.30am Prayer and Care

SU 9 PALM SUNDAY

Mo 10 11.00am CHRISM MASS

2.00am Kneeler Group

SU 16 EASTER DAY

SU 23 LOW SUNDAY

SU 30 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY

8.00am	Said Mass (<i>trad language</i>)
10.00am	PARISH MASS
12noon	Baptisms 1st and 3rd Sundays
6.00pm	Evensong or Vespers (4th Sunday with Benediction)

WEDNESDAY

9.30am	Said Mass
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THURSDAY

11.00am	Said Mass
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.00pm	Evening Prayer