

Family Gift Service
13th December 2020



St James' Church Elstead



.....**Coming up**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Begin your Christmas Celebrations by joining us at one of our ever-popular Christmas Eve Services in church:

3pm Crib Service—Outdoor Service
especially suitable for younger children
Come dressed as you favourite Nativity Character.

6pm Carol Service—Outdoor Service
Come and sing your favourite carols and hear once more the Christmas Story.

11.30pm Midnight Mass
Welcome Christmas Day at this special candlelit service of Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am *Informal, interactive, family friendly service.*
Children are invited to bring one of their Christmas presents to show us.

THE NEXT JAM FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 10th January 10.30am

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your care will protect us,
and that we may know your peace at all times,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Blessing

Our Lord says "Surely I come quickly".
Even so; Come, Lord Jesus.
As we await our coming Saviour,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

(During Covid, a retiring collection will be taken)

Welcome and Greeting with name badges
Introduction to today's theme



We Create our altar

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Lord, direct our thoughts and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit
and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



We celebrate birthdays and other special days this week

The Third Advent Candle is lit.
Advent Song (tune: The Holly and the Ivy)

All sing:

*The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring,
round the brightly burning candles
and the white and shining king.*

*And three for Mother Mary,
"I cannot see the way,
but you promise me a baby,
I believe you, I obey."*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;**

and bless us your children, who long for your coming.
Amen.

Hymn / Song (please stand)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

We say "Sorry" to God

All: Dear God, we are sorry when we are not the people you would like us to be.
We are sorry when we try to live all by ourselves instead of talking to you and with other people who love us.
We are also sorry when we push away other people who need us to listen to their worries and to support them in their lives.
Forgive us, loving God, and help us to love others as you love us. Amen.



Final Hymn

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they said that His name was Jesus.

*He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes! believer.
Oh, yes! believer.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.*

The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
And proclaimed Him the Saviour Jesus.

He come from the glory,.....

The wise men saw where the baby was born,
The wise men saw where the baby was born,
The wise men saw where the baby was born,
And they saw that His name was Jesus.

He come from the glory,.....

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Prayer

Let us pray:
Heavenly Father,
we thank you for our homes and families,
and we ask that in the coming week,
and until we meet again,
your love will surround us,

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may include this response:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The prayers may end with

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.

We share the Peace of Jesus

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

We share a greeting with each other

Notices



The minister declares God's forgiveness.

Nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus.
We are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God.

Praise (remain standing)

Let us praise God.
Praise be to you, O God,
the maker of the universe
By whose wisdom we are created and sustained.

Praise be to you O God,
The Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
By whose love we are redeemed and forgiven.
Praise be to you O God, the source of all holiness,
**By whose Spirit we are made whole and brought to
perfection.**

The Special Prayer for the Day

Giving the Gifts

We present the gifts we have brought for mums and children
in need. During this, the Music Group will sing the following
song.

Please join in if you wish.

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away
You end up having more!

It's just like a magic penny;
Hold it tight and you won't have any;
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many,
they'll roll all over the floor, for



Love is something if you give it away.....

So let's go dancing till the break of day
And if there's a piper, we can pay,
For love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more!

Love is something if you give it away.....
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Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Bible Reading (please sit) Luke 1; 26-38

Song

*At this time of giving,
Gladly now we bring
Gifts of goodness and mercy
From a heavenly King.*

Earth could not contain the treasures
Heaven holds for you,
Perfect joy and lasting pleasures,
Love so strong and true.

May His tender love surround you
At this Christmastime;
May you see His smiling face
That in the darkness shines.

But the many gifts He gives
Are all poured out from one;
Come receive the greatest gift,
The gift of God's own Son.

Lai, lai, lai ... (etc.)

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Talk

Hymn

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'
Let the poor say 'I am rich,'
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(Repeat)

(Last time)
Give thanks.

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