

The Church is Open
every day 9-3.30pm

THE FOOD BANK BOX IS AT THE BACK OF
THE CHURCH

Please donate as generously as possible

Bell Ringing Tuesdays 8pm
contact Philip Green 07787574872

Thank you so much to all who took part
in the Carol Service and the glimpse of
the nativity. Thank you to all who
prepared the church and served
refreshments and Thank you to the Lord
for being with us.

'The Meaning is in the waiting'
ADVENT Course/Discussion
In Deeping St. Nicholas Church
Wednesday 18th Dec. 7pm

SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE

BLESSING OF THE CRIB 4PM

And

MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm
By Candlelight

Sunday 29th December
Holy Communion 9.30am

Ring, Text or e-mail Erica you wish to put
something on the News sheet.

All updates welcome

The Church is available for booking for
activities/meetings . Please ensure these
are entered in the church diary by
contacting Carolyn Sumner
Tel. 07808350802

St. Nicholas Church
Deeping St. Nicholas

December 22nd 2024
Advent 4



Welcome to worship here Today

9.30 am Holy Communion

Hymns

128 Come thou long expected Jesus
580 Rejoice the Lord is King
574 Purify my heart
631 Tell out my Soul

Carolyn Sumner

Prayer for the 4th week in Advent

"Jesus, I want to see. Like a candle in the
dark, would you shine your light in my life
and help me see the path you have
prepared for me?"

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BLESSING OF THE CRIB 4pm
MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm

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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.

FIRST READING Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Luke 1:46b-55**

Or **Psalm 80:1-8**

R Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your
 countenance and we shall be
 saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned
 upon the cherubim.
 In the presence of Ephraim,
 Benjamin and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and come to
 help us. **R**

O Lord God of hosts,
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your
 people?
 You have fed them with the bread
 of tears;
 you have given them bowls of
 tears to drink.
 You have made us the derision of
 our neighbours,
 and our enemies laugh us to
 scorn. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me)." When Christ said, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you

among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever."]

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
 who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to be the mother of the promised
 saviour:
 fill us your servants with your
 grace,
 that in all things we may embrace
 your holy will
 and with her rejoice in your
 salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.