

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 7 10-18**

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 1; 18-end**

**All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus

**Reader:** This is the Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

**INTERCESSION**

***Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:***  
Linda Hall, Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, , Sue Vaness, Iris White, Olive Greaves,, Alan Gaywood, Michael Pritchard, Gemma O'Neil, Barrie Blewitt, Jack Sapsworth, David Winstanley, Andrea Smith. Jonathon Sieglar

***Please pray for these church members at home:***  
Joan Hopkins, Eileen Pidgeon, Joyce Dyson,

***We remember before God those who have died:***  
Ray Foster Jim Rioch, Jack Harris, Ray Meakins, Shirley Tessaromatis, Brian Richardson, Mary King,, Ivor Stredder, Joyce O'Callaghan, Maureen Wells

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Advent 4	18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	Parish Communion Parish Centre Service with Sunday School Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.15am 6.30pm	Parish Centre Communion Carols at Quantock Court
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee Morning Advent Reflections Parish Centre
Saturday Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm 5.00pm 11.15pm	Christingle Christingle Midnight Communion
Sunday Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Communion Parish Communion

## NOTICES

**Diary 2017** – The Church diary for 2017 is now in the Cross Aisle. Please enter all church events.

**Christmas bows** will be available in a box in the cross aisle during December in aid of the Hospice. Please give to this worthwhile charity. Thank you.

**Church Coffee Proceeds** for October, November and December will support the charity Clicsargent helping children and young people with cancer. (nearest hospital I (GOSH) Great Ormond St.) [www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk) Thank you .

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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

**Advent 4**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Leader Steve Wood**  
**Preacher Steve Wood**

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, assistant Curate Paolo Di Leo, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens Dorothy Iszatt and John Farrent.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area

**Hymns Old and New – 198 – 467 – 568(V 1-3) – 448 – 283**

**Organ Voluntary**

**Before service: Priere a Notre Dame.**

**(From the Gothic Suite) - Boellman**

**After service: Te Deum Prelude - Charpentier**

**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 one saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes as our judge,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**