

**THE PARISH OF  
ALL SAINTS, ST MARY & ST PETER  
NOTTINGHAM**



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS  
SERVICES  
2016**

*And Mary gave birth to her firstborn son  
and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*Luke 2.1-7*

## **SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - ADVENT SUNDAY**

### **All Saints' Church**

10.30am – Sung Eucharist

### **St Mary's Church**

10.45am – Sung Eucharist\*

6.30pm – Advent Procession\*

### **St Peter's Church**

8.15am – Holy Communion

10.45am – Sung Eucharist\*

5.00pm – Advent Vespers\*



## **TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

### **St Mary's Church**

6.30pm – Civic Carol Service

## **WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

### **St Mary's Church**

1.00pm – Lace Market Carol Service

## **SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

### **All Saints' Church**

10.30am – Carol Service

(with the Chinese Church)

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **All Saints' Church**

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

### **St Mary's Church**

7.00pm – Nine Lessons & Carols\*

### **St Peter's Church**

4.00pm – Family Carol Service\*

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **All Saints' Church**

10.30am – Sung Eucharist

### **St Mary's Church**

10.45am – Sung Eucharist\*

### **St Peter's Church**

10.00am – Sung Eucharist\*



*Please note that the three churches & Parish Office will close for the week after Christmas.  
Weekday services will resume on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.*

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## DECEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017

| SUNDAY SERVICES   | ALL SAINTS'              | ST MARY'S  | ST PETER'S  |
|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>Advent Sunday</i> | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Advent Procession*   | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>5.00pm: Advent Vespers*                         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>                          | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.00pm: Evensong*            | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Matins*<br>5.00pm: Taizé Service                                   |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>                         | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist* | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Evensong*            | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist<br>5.00pm: Evensong*                                |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>                         | 10.30am: Carol Service   | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Evensong*            | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>5.00pm: Holy Communion with prayers for healing |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>Christmas Day</i> | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*                                 | 10.00am: Sung Eucharist*  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> January</b>                           | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | <i>No service</i>  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist   |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><i>Epiphany</i>        | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist* | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Epiphany Procession* | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>9.45am: Family Service<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist<br>5.00pm: Evensong*      |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>                          | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Evensong*            | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>5.00pm: Holy Communion with prayers for healing |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>                          | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Evensong*            | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>5.00pm: Compline*                               |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>                          | 10.30am: Sung Eucharist  | 10.45am: Sung Eucharist*<br>6.30pm: Parish Evensong*     | 8.15am: Holy Communion<br>10.45am: Sung Eucharist*  |

*Services with a \* are sung by the Church Choir*

## REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES

### Monday

1.15pm – Meditation Service (St Peter's)

### Tuesday

10.00am – Holy Communion (All Saints')  
1.15pm – Holy Communion (St Peter's)

### Wednesday

8.30am – Holy Communion (St Mary's)  
9.00am – Morning Prayer (All Saints')  
6.15pm – Evensong\* (St Mary's)  
*(Except between 15<sup>th</sup> December and 10<sup>th</sup> January)*

### Thursday

9.00am – Morning Prayer (All Saints')  
11.00am – Holy Communion (St Peter's)  
1.15pm – Holy Communion (St Mary's)

### Friday

9.00am – Morning Prayer (All Saints')

## VICAR'S LETTER

The Christmas season is a time for reflecting on the themes of joy, peace and love. How, though, do we square this with the fact that in much of the world today there isn't much joy; peace is increasingly fragile; and love often seems more and more superficial?

At the heart of the Christian faith, however, lies the conviction that it is wrong to be too discouraged about the future, since Christians believe in a God who is perfect Love. God's love was shown most fully in the sending to earth of Jesus Christ, who became Emmanuel, God with us. Love shone forth from Christ in his care for the outcasts, his healing of the sick, the respect and value he gave to all people, however humble their origin, and above all in his sacrifice of himself on the cross for the sins of the world.

This, then, is the heart of what we celebrate at Christmas – that *'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'* (John 3.16). This means that when we consider the horrific images of the bombings in Syria, the sadness and struggle of large numbers of refugees from conflict zones, and the brutal killings by so-called ISIS, it is so important not to lose hope. In the battle between good and evil, evil will only prevail if we cease to believe in the power of good, and in the infinite love of God.

Wishing you all every blessing at Christmas time.

*Christopher Harrison, Vicar*

## PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER - JANUARY

**Advent:** Creator God, we are preparing to celebrate the birthday of your Son Jesus Christ. While we recall his coming as a tiny baby in weakness and humility, we pray for the poor and the vulnerable, those in exile, migrants, asylum seekers, those who feel they cannot prepare for this celebration because of illness, or difficult memories.

**Christmas:** Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our heart the profound mystery of Christmas; may the light of Christ permeate all shadows in this world, lighten those parts of the world where there is fear of persecution, terrorism, or any kind of suffering. You have come to be our light in darkness, our hope in despair, our strength in weakness.

**Epiphany:** Christ came into the world for all peoples - so we pray for a greater understanding of reconciliation and forgiveness between different faiths and cultures. May your light and truth and glory be manifested in all parts of the world. We make all our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*James Saxton*



Have you visited the Coffee Room at St Peter's?

Homemade cakes, light lunches and a large range of drinks are available

9am-2.30pm, Monday-Saturday.

Beautiful Christmas cards, gifts and books are also available from the Fair Trade & Christian Book Shop next door,

Monday-Friday, 10.30am-2pm.

*Closed 16<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January*

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