



# St Edward's Church in the Parish of Roath



The First Sunday of Christmas

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Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sermon.

Hymns: **58, 67, 1(MP)**, Anthem: **Wexford Carol, 594.**

Setting: *Thomas Mass (David Thorne).*

In the world-wide Church we pray today for the **Diocese of Zululand in the Province of Southern Africa, and Bishop Monument Makhanya** and in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for **Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine**. We pray for **peace in the world**, and for all **migrants and refugees** fleeing places of war and persecution. In this diocese we pray for the **Parish of Ewenny and St Brides Major, and St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School, Head-teacher Duncan Mottram**, his staff and pupils. We pray for the **clergy who minister in this parish**, our Vicar, Revd Canon Stewart Lisk, Assistant Curate, Rev Dr Rhys Jenkins and the retired clergy who assist them, especially Canon Roy Doxsey and Rev John Webber. We pray for the sick and those who care for them, especially **Tricia Osman, Glyn Osman, Julie Romanelli, Bill Berry, John Matthias, Nigel Rees, Charles Murray, Ron Rowles, Doreen Bailey, Nell Williams, Miriam Burnell and Alan Morgan**. We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially **Margaret Shepherd**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 1st</b>		The Naming of Jesus
<b>Tues</b>	2.00pm	Forget Me Not. <i>Schoolroom.</i>
<b>2nd</b>	6.15pm	Yoga Beginners Course. <i>Schoolroom.</i>
	7.30pm	Healing Service. <i>St Edward's.</i>
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Holy Eucharist. <i>St Margaret's.</i>
<b>3rd</b>	10.15am	Holy Eucharist. <i>St Edward's.</i>
	12.30pm	Lunch Club. <i>Roath Church House.</i>
<b>Thur</b>	7.00pm	Evening Prayer. <i>St Edward's.</i>
<b>4th</b>	7.30pm	Choir Practice. <i>St Edward's.</i>
	7.30pm	Choir Practice. <i>St Margaret's.</i>
<b>Sat</b>		The Epiphany of Our Lord
<b>6th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer. <i>St Edward's.</i>
	10.30am	Ladies Circle Epiphany Coffee Morning.

**EVENING PRAYER** will be said on Thursday at 7pm this week. Morning Prayer Saturday (Epiphany) at 9am.

**THANK YOU** to everyone involved for making the church clean and beautiful for Christmas with flowers given in memory of loved ones, gleaming brass, clean linen, shining floors and wonderful people.

**ROS JONES** would like to thank everyone for their kind condolences, prayers and support following the recent death of her brother Simon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Can you spare a couple of hours a week to clean the church? We are hoping to set up a rota; please speak to Sue or Kathie if you are able to help.

**NORMAN AND HEATHER DOE** are delighted to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Elizabeth to Mr Ryan Tennant of Porthcawl.

**MUSIC & ARTS CENTRE BOOKINGS THIS WEEK:**  
Sat 6 Jan. 2.30-6pm. Will Stevens.

**Next Sunday** will be celebrated as the **Epiphany of Our Lord**. The **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in St Margaret's at 8am and 9.30am, and at St Edward's at 11am, with **Sung Evensong** at St Margaret's at 6pm and **Choral Evensong** at St Edward's at 7pm. Eucharist readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12.

**COFFEE** will be served in the vestry after the Eucharist next Sunday, and the 100 Club Draw will take place.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** made over £300 for church funds, special projects. Our thanks to Janice for all her hard work, and to everyone who contributed, buying tickets and presents, for a truly wonderful raffle. The list of prize winners is on the noticeboard in the porch.

**2018 ENVELOPES FOR REGULAR WEEKLY GIVING** are available today from Sue Mansell.

**DBS FORMS.** Those who have received clear DBS certificates please let the Vicar have them, as they have to be checked and approved by the Church in Wales safeguarding officer.

**LINE OF COINS** giving scheme will be transferred from Advent to Candlemas this year. Wallets will be available in church soon. You are asked to save £2 coins and bring them to church on Sun 28 Jan, please.

**PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF CROESO** in which you will find an article on our Forget Me Not Project.

**CARDIFF CHURCHES NIGHTSHELTER** is organized by seven churches in Cardiff, offering shelter and meals to homeless people 18 Dec to 29 March. Each night is divided into 3 shifts: 6.30-9.30pm, 9pm-6.30am and 6.30-8.30am. The venues are: Mon Grangetown Baptist; Tue Salem Chapel Canton; Wed St Mary's Canton; Thu Calvary Baptist Canton; Fri St Peter's Community Hall (Bedford St); Sat St German's; Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists. They are looking for volunteers to join each shift each evening. Training is provided. Further details on the noticeboard and from Fr Phelim O'Hare ☎22-411229 or phelimohare@gmail.com

## ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.



Whether they are historical fact or simply carefully written stories – and I confess to preferring the second option – the biblical accounts of shepherds and kings being drawn to the baby Jesus have something important to say to our society in relation to our observance of the season of Christmas and our entry into New Year.

St Luke is the one whose version of the Gospel tells us the story of the shepherds. These were not

influential or powerful individuals. Quite the opposite; stuck out, on a hillside, paid (but probably not very much) to look after someone else's sheep. But it's to these apparently unimportant people that the first messages about Jesus's birth come. The meaning of this? Simply that Jesus has something important to say to the ordinary people like you and me.

Then we turn to Matthew's version of the Gospel where we find the story about the Kings or, if you prefer, the Wise Men. Because of the expensive and symbolic gifts which we are told they brought, we are meant to understand that these are people of substance; influential and, maybe, even powerful. They come and present their gifts; but, before doing so, we are told that they "fell down and worshipped" Jesus. The meaning of this? Again, it's simple. Jesus has something important to say to people of influence.

Whether it's Luke's shepherds or Matthew's kings, these lovely stories contain messages of truth, namely that the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth, the man into whom the child of Bethlehem was to grow, is a pattern for ordinary people and a pattern for powerful people. Regardless of who we are, he has something to say about the way in which we live our lives and how we are called to show loving concern, not just for ourselves but for the millions of needy people, people at home and abroad, people in our own communities and the far-away communities of other nations in the world; people whose life-stories of need and despair daily appear in our news: among them are homeless people, refugees, victims of armed conflict and poverty, persecution and prejudice, deprivation of food and opportunity – the list seems endless!

Love – real, blood-red love – is the most powerful weapon the world has, and Jesus shows how it should be used and must be used for the sake of the world he was born to renew.

His message for us is that we must try to live our lives demonstrating a genuine, welcoming and loving concern for those around us. His very clear message for those who have responsibility for leading and governing the world's societies is that power is to be exercised within the framework of that concern as, even in our own society, divisions between the haves and the have-nots appear to grow ever wider, and as the voices suggesting that we should be concerned only for ourselves seem to get louder and louder.

I wish you the truth and blessing of Jesus for the Christmas Season, for the New Year and beyond.

**NO SUNG EVENSONG** in St Margaret's or St Edward's today.

**FORGET ME NOT PROJECT.** Our Day Club, for people with memory problems and their carers, meets every Tuesday, 2pm-4pm, in the schoolroom. This week we have "Sitting Physio-fun" with Ed Doe. If you are interested in this project, please talk to Kathie Mayer.

**SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING** at St Edward's on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2).

**NO PARISH SURGERY** until Mon 8 Jan, 6pm-7pm.

**LADIES CIRCLE EPIPHANY COFFEE MORNING** is at Roath Church House on Saturday at 10.30am. Tickets £2 inc tea & coffee. There will be a Bring & Buy and Books Sales Table and Raffle. All proceeds to our **new** charities for 2018 – Crohn's Disease and Pedal Power. Further information from Gill Day ☎20-495496.

**TAKING A BREAK.** Opera in Situ resume 7 Jan; St Edward's Orchestra 8 Jan; Cardiff Recorded Music Society 10 Jan; Penylan Singers 11 Jan; Pavane 13 Jan; Opera Mint Wales 14 Jan; Knitting & Crochet 15 Jan; Rock Choir 18 Jan.

**LADIES CIRCLE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Chinese Auction** Tue 9 Jan at 7.15pm. Annual subscriptions due £18. Details: Gill Day ☎20-495496.

**PIANO CONCERT SERIES.** Alison Dite will give a piano concert at St Edward's on Sun 14 Jan at 3pm.

**PARISH KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP** meets on Mon 15 Jan, 7.30-9.30pm in Roath Church House.

**Y PLYGAIN CAROL SERVICE** at St Peter's on Wed 17 Jan at 8pm. All welcome. Groups who would like to take part please contact Christine wajangcasb@gmail.com

**COFFEE CONCERTS.** The next concert is Fumi Otsuki (Violin) and Alessandro Viale (Piano) on Sat 20 Jan at 11am.

**UNITED SERVICE** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Parkminster URC, Minster Rd, on Sun 21 Jan at 3pm.

### FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 2 Jan. 7.30pm. Healing Service. St Edward's.
- 6 Jan. Ladies Circle Coffee Morning.
- 9 Jan. Ladies Circle AGM.
- 10 Jan. Cytûn Meeting.
- 15 Jan. Knitting & Crochet Group. Church House.
- 17 Jan. Paradise Run.
- 6 Feb. 7.30pm. Healing Service. St Edward's.
- 17 Feb. 2pm-4pm. Archdeacon's Visitation.

### ST EDWARD'S MUSIC & ARTS CENTRE DIARY.

- 14 Jan. 3pm. Piano Concert Series: Alison Dite.
- 20 Jan. Violin/Piano Coffee Concert.
- 28 Jan. Handel's Messiah.

### GENERAL MUSIC DIARY.

- 30 Jan. 1pm Organ Recital: Daniel Moul. St David's Hall.
- 31 Jan. 1.05pm Opera Students from RWCMD. Beulah URC.

**WELCOME.** We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. Please make yourself known to one of the sidesmen if you are new with us.

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### Please let the clergy know

of any sick person or any person who is in hospital. To receive the Parish e-newsletter, or send contributions for inclusion in St Edward's or St Margaret's newsletters, please email ✉St.Edward@Roath.org.uk

