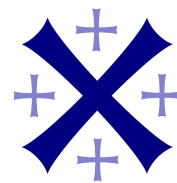


**ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW,
COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN**



Tuesday 24th December 2024–Christmas Eve
Wednesday 25th December 2024–Christmas Day

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

¹Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens.

⁶Honour and majesty are before him; power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

¹²Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

¹³For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; with righteousness he will judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

New Testament Reading

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1–20

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

Scriptures for Sunday 29th December 2024–1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12–17

Luke 2:41–e52

Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew – Charity of the Month for December 2024 and January 2025

Tearfund Middle East Emergency Appeal

The suffering across the region is escalating daily. A year on, the conflict precipitated on the 7th October 2023 is causing devastating humanitarian needs. The lives of men, women and children are being destroyed across the Middle East.

In Gaza, Tearfund's partner is providing life-saving medicine and desperately needed healthcare.

In Lebanon, Tearfund are working through local churches to provide food, mattresses and other essentials to people forced from their homes by the fighting.

In the West Bank, Tearfund are working with the Diocese of Jerusalem who are providing healthcare and education to those affected.