

**As this Newsletter is issued on the 4th Sunday of Advent and we wait and watch in hope to celebrate the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem, let us remain prayerful and faithful to the One who is always faithful to us.**

For those coming into church, you will have seen the Christmas tree in the front entrance decorated with Christmas baubles and lights and crocheted stars and cards. The Brew and a Chat group have crocheted the stars and attached the cards in memory of the loss of a baby or a loved one. Please see Nicola or Denise for more information and if you would like to put a star with its card on the tree.

**Psalms for each day of the *week 19th – 24th December:***

*Mon: Psalm 146 Tues: Psalm 46 Wed: Psalm 121*

*Thurs: Psalm 124 Fri: Psalm 130 Sat: Psalm 45*

*The services for the coming weeks are given below.*

*Key: DOB: Revd Dave O’Brien; SH: Revd Steve Haskett; VB: Vicky Bentley*

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*Holy Communion Service of the Word*

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| ***SUNDAY*** | ***10.30am*** | ***6pm*** | |
| ***18th Dec***  ***ADVENT 4*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme:*  *Matthew 1:*  *18 –25*  *Preach:*  *Archdeacon Mark Ireland*  *Lead: DOB* | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadService of the Word*  **7 Lessons and Carols**  Gospel Presentation  Theme: John 1: 1 – 14  The Word made flesh  Preach:  Archdeacon Mark Ireland  Lead: DOB | |
| ***SATURDAY***  ***24th Dec***  ***CHRISTMAS***  ***EVE*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art***MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**  **starting at 11.30pm**  Theme: Luke 2: 1 – 14  Lead/Preach: DOB | | |
| ***SUNDAY***  ***25th Dec***  ***CHRISTMAS DAY*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art***10.30AM Service of Holy Communion**  Theme: John 1: 1 – 14  Lead/Preach: DOB | | |
| ***SUNDAY***  ***1st Jan 2023***  ***Christmas 2*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art***10.30AM Service of Holy Communion**  Theme: Luke 2: 15 – 21  Lead/Preach: DOB | | |
| ***SUNDAY*** | ***10.30am*** | | ***6pm*** |
| ***8th Jan***  ***EPIPHANY/ BAPTISM OF CHRIST*** | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadService of the Word*  Theme:  Matthew 3: 13 – end  Lead: VB Preach: DOB | | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artHoly Communion*  *Worship and Bible Teaching*  *Theme: Matthew 2: 1 – 12*  *Worship the King*  *Lead: DOB Preach: SH* |

**Midweek Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service:**

Will recommence in the New Year at 11am on Wednesday 4th January

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**After today, the Newsletter and the Prayer Letter will be available again from Sunday 15th January 2023.**

**A blessed Christmas to everyone at St Thomas’ Blackpool and to all those who follow us on the church website and Facebook page.**

**May God direct us and give us vision, wisdom, strength and courage to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with Him in 2023.**