

Seasonal Eucharistic Prefaces and Final Blessings
From Christmas Day until the Eve of Epiphany:

Preface:

And now we give you thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Blessing:

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered
into one thing earthly and heavenly,
Fill you with peace and good will.
Amen.

Services on Sunday 31st December 2023
9am at St Saviour, Valley End led by Revd Dan
10.15am at St Lawrence, Chobham led by Revd Chris

A message from Tony Edie:

**Very many thanks to all those who went carol singing in the village on
13th December. The total amount raised for the Woking and Sam
Beare Hospice was £303.**

**A further message of thanks from Paula Goddard, who faithfully
collects the donations for the Food Bank each week. Paula reports that contributions
have been gratefully received and are always items that are most needed. The Food Bank
personnel forward their heartfelt thanks to all those who donate.**

CHURCH CLEANERS

**We are in urgent need of recruiting more volunteers to clean the church. If we have
sufficient numbers of cleaners it will require no more than two 2-hour sessions per team
per year. Please speak to one of the church wardens or Sandra Rigby-Barrett if you are
able to help. Thank you for considering this role.**

Food Bank Donations Update—most needed items for December 2023:

**Baby food and milk; honey; mayonnaise; tinned salmon; instant mashed potato; coffee;
fruit squash; packets of biscuits; long life milk whole type; long life fruit juice; chocolate
bars and sweets; marmite; chocolate spread; hot chocolate; cooking oil; laundry deter-
gent; baby wipes; shaving gel and foam; toilet cleaner liquid; shaving gel and foam;
shampoo and conditioner; washing up liquid; toothbrushes toilet rolls and nappies size 7.**

**You are welcome to join us for coffee in the church hall after the
10.15am service today.**

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**ST LAWRENCE CHOBHAM WITH
ST SAVIOUR VALLEY END
24 DECEMBER 2023**

Here to Celebrate, Worship and Serve

Sunday 24 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16
Psalm: 89.1-4, 19-26
Epistle: Romans 16.25-end
Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

The Psalm and Readings can be found on pages 163-164.

9.00 am Holy Communion Service at St Saviour led by Revd Dan

Hymns: 130 Ding dong merrily on high
249 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes
469 O come, O come, Emmanuel

10.15 am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence led by Revd Chris

Hymns: 4 A great and mighty wonder
620 The angel Gabriel
117 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

3.30pm Crib Service for the under 8s led by the St Lawrence Toddlers

5.00pm Crib Service for the 8+

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Lawrence led by Revd Dan

Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7
Psalm: Psalm 95.1-3, 11-13
Epistle: Titus 2.11-14
Gospel: Luke 2.1-14

Hymns: 506 Once in royal David's city
130 Ding dong, merrily on high!
313 Infant holy, infant lowly
468 O come, all ye faithful

Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

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

Post Communion Prayer for 4th Sunday of Advent:

Heavenly Father,
who chose the blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised Saviour;
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy
will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Seasonal Eucharistic Preface and Blessing from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve:

Preface:

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us
from sin and death and to make us
inheritors of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power
and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Blessing for the 10.15am Christmas Eve Service:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon
you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he
comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Collect and Post Communion Prayer for Midnight Mass on 24th December at 11.30pm

Collect for Midnight Mass

Eternal God,
Who made this most holy night
To shine with the brightness of your one true light:
Bring us, who have known the revelation of
That light on earth,
To see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
Through Jesus 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.

Post Communion

God, our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.

Preface and Blessing for the Midnight Mass Service on Sunday 24th December at 11.30pm and on Christmas Day services can be found on the back page of this Notice Sheet.

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS AND MATTERS:

- ◆ **In our Missionary Support: Overseas Mission:** The Barnabas Fund (supporting persecuted Christians); The Bible Society for Mission.
- ◆ **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal church in the Philippines
- ◆ **In our Guildford Diocese:** Please pray for the Parish of Haslemere and its incumbent Chris Bessant. Please pray for Haslemere Prep School, Haslemere; St Bartholomew's CofE (Aided) Primary School and St Ives School, Haslemere.
- ◆ **For our Church:**
 - ◇ We pray that our numbers may grow at all our services and that the Lord will bless us as we minister in this parish.
 - ◇ We pray that our faith and belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ be strengthened and deepened through our understanding of the scriptures.
- ◆ **Children and Schools**
 - ◇ Please pray for the future of Mission in the parish, particularly with regard to children and young people.
 - ◇ Please pray for the teachers, support staff, children, governors and parents at St Lawrence Primary School and Valley End School as they enjoy rest and relaxation over Christmas and New Year holiday. We pray for the preparations for the SIAMS inspection in the spring of 2024 at St Lawrence Primary School.
- ◆ **Pray for our Vicar, Revd Dan and for our Assistant Priest, Revd Chris.**
Pray for our Pastoral Assistants and for all whom they visit and befriend: for the St Lawrence Club, for chair Annette and the committee and for members of the Hearing Clinic.
- ◆ **Pray for those facing sickness,** those who are housebound and those who are facing other needs: Christopher Delacombe, Alan Wood, Ian Stewart, Caroline, Gloria, and Jessie Jones.
- ◆ **We pray for the those recently bereaved and remember especially at this time the families and friends of the late:** Beverley Tucker, Dorothy Allen and Howard Davies
- ◆ **Pray for our congregations that we may grow in daily prayer and knowledge of scripture.**
Pray for all who are nearing the end of life here. For the Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses and for Hospices and especially for Woking and Sam Beare Hospice, for all who work there, including the many volunteers, the chaplains and for all those they care for both as inpatients and outpatients. For the fundraisers and charity shops.
- ◆ **The Year's Mind:** We remember Annabelle Owen, Celia Street and Robert Mount and all those known to us whose anniversary occurs at this time.
- ◆ **Residents of:** Sheldon Gate, Shrubbs Hill, Sparrow Row, Stanyards Lane, Station Road, Steep Hill, Stonehill, The Avenue, The Grange, Thompsons Lane, Turf House Lane, Valley End Road, Waterperry Lane, Windlesham Road, Windsor Road, Windsor Court Road and Woodcock Drive.