

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**8.00 am** Said Eucharist  
**10.00 am** Parish Eucharist

### **Wayfarers**

Christmas Eve Rehearsal today  
Please go to Foden room during the first hymn  
Pre school children, if they wish to join in the  
Christmas Eve service as angels etc make sure  
they come by 4.35 pm on Christmas Eve  
**No Wayfarers on Dec 28<sup>th</sup> and Jan 4th**

### **A BIG Thank You**

Christmas Eve midnight mass will be the last  
regular occasion that Colin Baines  
will be playing the organ for us.  
We wish to thank him and John for providing us  
with excellent music over the past year.

### **Christmas Cards**

Christmas card board at back of church  
The money you will save by not sending individual  
cards can be put in the box to go to Malawi  
**St Basils Collecting Boxes**  
Please pick your box up from the back of church  
and use over this Christmas period

### **Tuesday afternoon Emmaus Group**

will hold its final meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **10.00 am Servers**

will have a meeting from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at church

### **Pastoral Group Meeting**

January 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm at 18 Southfield Ave

### **Choir Notice**

We welcome Mr Martin Bates as our new  
Church Musical director.

Martin along with Gavin will be in church on Friday  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 pm to meet with the choir.

This is an important meeting  
and it would be nice if you could all attend.

Any members of the congregation who would like  
to join the choir please also come along, we  
always welcome new members.

There will of course be no choir practise on  
Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>!!

### **Weekly notes**

Items for the next weeks weekly notes must reach  
Mary Jones by Wednesday  
**NB new email [mary.roma4@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.roma4@btinternet.com)**  
tel no 747 3328, 16 Southfield Avenue

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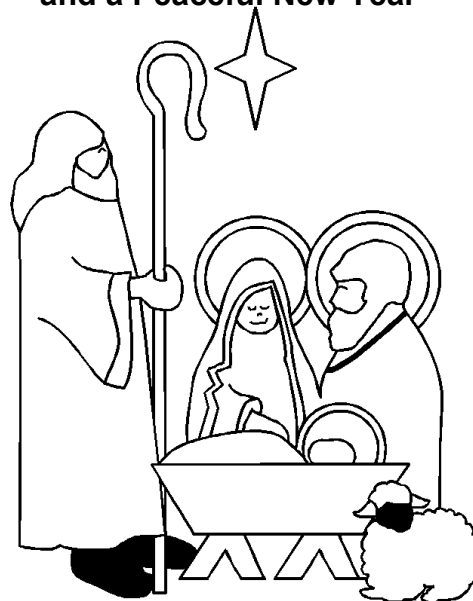


## **Castle Bromwich Parish Church** **Weekly notes**

**SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**[www.stmaryandstmargaret.co.uk](http://www.stmaryandstmargaret.co.uk)**

**We wish everyone a Happy Christmas  
and a Peaceful New Year**



**And they came with haste, and found  
Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying  
in a manger.**

***Luke 2:16***

### ***Christmas Eve Prayer***

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil  
by the blessing which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

**Amen.**

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

**SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year B**

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**COLLECT**

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. **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

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. **Amen**

**8.00 am Said Eucharist**

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist**

**Hymns**

Introit	373	<i>Lo he comes in clouds</i>
Gradual	510	<i>Celtic Alleluia</i>
Offertory	522	<i>O come. O come</i>
Communion	Choir	<i>For Mary mother of our Lord</i>
	S2	<i>As I kneel</i>
Recessional	686	<i>The Angel Gabriel</i>

The response to the Psalm

'I will sing forever of your love, O Lord'

Wayfarers please meet in the Foden Room during  
the first Hymn to rehearse for Christmas Eve

Sherry and mince pies will be served in the  
Foden Room after the service



**6.30 pm Church Carol Service**

Please use service sheet provided

**MONDAY 22nd December**

**2.00 pm** Decorating the Church with flowers  
for Christmas

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**7.00 pm** Holy Eucharist

R "Stand erect, hold your heads high, because  
your liberation is near at hand"

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

**5.00 pm** Children's Christmas Eve Service



**11.30 pm Midnight Service Sung Eucharist**

**COLLECT**

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of  
salvation:

give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**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. **Amen**

**Please use service sheet provided**

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

**COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder  
at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**



**POST COMMUNION**

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. **Amen**

**8.00 am** Said Eucharist

**10.00 am** Family Eucharist with Carols

Introit	577	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>
Gradual	66	<i>Away in a manger</i>
Offertory	810	<i>While shepherds watch</i>
Communion	540	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>
Recessional	520	<i>O come all ye faithful</i>

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day**  
**St Stephen The First Martyr**

**9.30 am** Holy Eucharist

R "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit"

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St John, Apostle & Evangelist**

**9.00 am** Holy Eucharist

R " Rejoice, you just, in the Lord

**10.30 am – 1.00 pm** Mission Group  
**\*\*Festive\*\*** Coffee Morning at 28 Beechcroft Road  
hosted by Gordon and Elizabeth Griffin