

## Weekly Services & Groups



### Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



### Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

Meditative music and silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church



### Spirituality Group Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



### Open Church Thursdays 4pm – 6pm

Our Priest-in-Residence will be in the Church to share a prayer or just be a listening ear



### Meditation Group Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



### Morning Prayer Fridays 8.30am – 9am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers



## St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

## Christmas Day 25th December 2017

Dear Friends,

### A very Happy and Merry Christmas to you all!

What a wonderful way to celebrate on Christmas Morning ... meeting together and hearing of Jesus' birth and singing wonderful carols.

The Christmas message, in all the words we will hear and sing, is about Peace and Love. I have included a Poem by Christina Rossetti called Love came Down at Christmas. It states that love was born at Christmas, as well as Jesus, and includes the line 'Love be Yours and Love be Mine'.

So let's make sure this Christmas is all about Love - showing our love to all our family, friends and neighbors - because Love is actually all around.

With blessings,  
Philip

**Donations:** We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike. Please consider making a donation to keep our church open and to ensure that we can continue to grow spiritually, as well as offer a talented and professional music ministry and maintain all our fine buildings.

You may wish to discuss with one of our church leadership about how you can most effectively help. **You can donate via our US Charitable Foundation, which is tax deductible for US citizens, and you may also donate online by visiting our website.**

### Today's Hymns

**Processional:** O Come All Ye Faithful #357 (vs 1,2,3,6,7)

**Gradual:** Silent Night #444

**Offertory:** Ding Dong Merrily on High #109

**Communion:** Break Bread & Bind us Together #60

**Recessional:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing #199

**Mailing List:** *If you are new to our Church & would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a visitor card & place it (or your business card) in one of the collection baskets or boxes at the rear.*

**AA Group:** Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information call: 0617 16 53 31 or 0690 54 17 99.

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### The Book of Isaiah - Chap 9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

You 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.

For 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.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### Love came down for Christmas by Christina Rossetti

*Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love Divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,  
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;  
Worship we our Jesus,  
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

### The Gospel according to Luke – Ch 2

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph 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.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When 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."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.