



**Christ Church, Little Drayton**  
Buntingdale Rd, Market Drayton

Readings to use in Christmas week:

| Day           | Date | Reading             | Psalm    |
|---------------|------|---------------------|----------|
| Christmas Day | 25   | Matthew 1:18-end    | 110      |
| Friday        | 26   | Acts 6              | 13       |
| Saturday      | 27   | 1 John 2:1-11       | 21       |
| Sunday        | 28   | Galatians 3:23-29   | 105.1-11 |
| Monday        | 29   | Matthew 18:1-10     | 36       |
| Tuesday       | 30   | Colossians 1:15-23  | 113      |
| Wednesday     | 31   | Colossians 1:24-2:7 | 102      |
| Thursday      | 01   | Romans 2:17-end     | 103      |

**Weekly Services**

**Sundays**

09:45 am—Parish Eucharist

09:45 am— The Third Sunday Special on the third Sunday of the month

6.30pm—Evening Prayer on the first Sunday of the month



**Tuesdays**

10am—Holy Communion

If you would like any prayer requests or events included in the pew sheet, or to book a baptism or wedding, please email Emma the Parish Administrator on [christchurchlittledrayton@hotmail.com](mailto:christchurchlittledrayton@hotmail.com) or phone on 07929 903852, 01630 655695 (hours: Monday & Tuesday 10:30 am—1:30 pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am—1:30 pm, Friday 10:30 am—12:30 pm. Landline Tuesdays and Thursdays).



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Little Drayton  
A Traditional Church  
A Welcoming Church  
A Caring Church

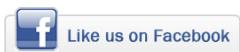
**25th December  
Christmas Day**



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!**

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## Prayer for Christmas Day:

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.



### Hymns:

**479 O come all ye faithful**

**326 In the bleak midwinter**

**776 Away in a manger**

**266 Hark! the Herald Angels sing**

## A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## A Reading from the Letter to Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.



## A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.