



Christ Church

Little Drayton

A Traditional Church

A Welcoming Church

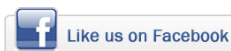
25th December Christmas Day



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:

242 Good King Wenceslas

326 In the bleak midwinter

776 Away in a manger

266 Hark the herald

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

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

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

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



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Readings to use in Christmas week:

Day	Date	Reading	Psalm
Christmas Day	25	Matthew 1:18-end	110
Thursday	26	Acts 6	13
Friday	27	1 John 2:1-11	21
Saturday	28	Matthew 18:1-10	36
Sunday	29	1 John 1:1-7	105.1-11
Monday	30	John 1:19-28	113
Tuesday	31	John 1:29-34	102

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

6:30 pm—Healing Service on the third 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 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).