

The Parishes of  
**BROSELEY with BENTHALL and JACKFIELD**  
**LINLEY with WILLEY and BARROW**

# **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas 31 December 2017**

*Holy Eucharist booklet: Advent. Liturgical colour: White.*  
The services today will be led by Rev. Fr. Christopher Penn



## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

please refer to the back page *and take this leaflet home as a reminder.*

We omit asterisked verses of hymns; after the service coffee/tea will be served —we hope you will stay.

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 61.10-62.3*

*A reading from the book of Isaiah*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

*Galatians 4.4-7*

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn**

### **The Gospel**

*Luke 2.15-21*

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory

**Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>15</sup>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.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Prayers**

We remember all those known to us who need our prayers including:

The sick: Roy Morris, Simon Gibbons, Turley Mear, Lawrence Homer, Michael Brookes, Christopher Dorricott, Gerald Jones, Evelyn Jones  
the departed:

those whose year's mind falls this week: Tom Roberts, Trevor Ball

## **Post communion prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

### **THIS WEEK**

Daily	8.15am	Morning Prayer – All Saints', Broseley
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Eucharist – St Mary's, Jackfield
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley



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