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Lis and Ian will be praying in church most Monday and Thursday mornings from 9-9.30am when we are in the parish. Please join us in person or pray from where you are if you are able to.

## This week's prayer pointers

**The nation:** The Queen & Royal Family; Security; Justice; Forces; Parliament & National Leaders; Industry.

**Mission Focus:** *New Wine*

**Today's Prayer:** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

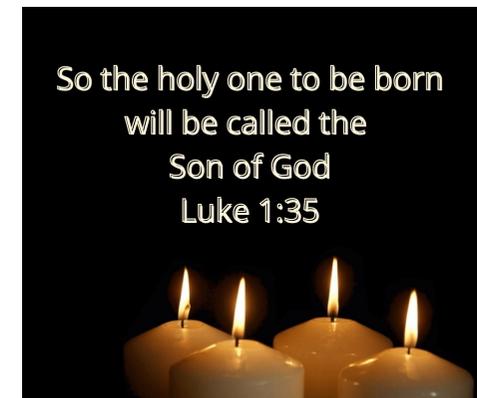
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## Advent Sunday 4 19th December 2021

9.30 am	Holy Communion	In church only
4:00pm	Carol Service	In church and live stream available via our YouTube channel
7:00pm	Carol Service	In church and live stream available via our YouTube channel
7:30pm	CYFA	Spilsby Road

In light of government announcements this week, masks are now compulsory in places of worship **The side aisles still have every other pew closed and if you choose to sit near someone not in your family unit, please make sure they are happy for you to do so.**



**Luke 1: 26-38**  
**Rejoice / Mary**

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## Reading: Luke 1 : 26-38

### The Birth of Jesus Foretold

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."<sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

### Thought for the day : Sola Taiwo

How Will this Be?' Mary asked. When the birth of Jesus Christ was foretold to Mary, Angel Gabriel was asked this question. Since Mary was still virgin how will she conceive? She was simply looking for some form of clarification of what will make this conception happen in reality. Trying to apply human rationality to what will eventually become the miraculous birth of the greatest impact on humanity. She was going to carry the Son of God by the working of the Holy Spirit and the overshadowing POWER OF GOD the MOST HIGH. Angel Gabriel's conclusion was the best part - 'nothing is impossible with GOD'. There's nothing faithless in asking the 'how' questions as we face life's challenges or uncertainties. Believers need to let go and let God, that is, surrender to God just like Mary did. She yielded herself as 'Lord's servant' and to serve the purpose of God. The 'how' question should not descend to doubt to lead to big expectations by submission in faith.

## Carol Service 4.00pm and 7.00 pm

Welcome

**Carol - Once in royal David's city**

Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer

First Reading Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7 - The Birth of a Saviour Foretold

**Carol - O Come O Come Emmanuel**

Second Reading - Micah 5:2-4 - From Bethlehem He Will Come

**Carol - O little town of Bethlehem,**

Third Reading Luke 1: 26-38 - Mary hears of God's Plan

**Carol - Silent night, holy night.**

**Video**

Fourth Reading Luke 2: 1-7 - Jesus is Born

**Song**

Fifth Reading Luke 2: 8-16 - Shepherds Hear the Good News

**Carol - In The Bleak Midwinter**

Sixth Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 - The Magi Journey to see the child

**Carol - O Come All Ye Faithful**

Talk Paula

Seventh Reading John 1: 1-14

**Carol Hark! the herald-angels sing,**

Blessing

