

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin
Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his
coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for 16th Dec 2018

FIRST READING

Micah 5 v 2 – 5a

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10 v 5-10

GOSPEL

Luke 1 v 39 - 45

Readings for 30th Dec 2018

1 Samuel 2 v 18-20, 26

Colossians 3 v 12 - 17

Luke 2 v 41 -52

Christmas day party at the Abbey Centre

Once again you are asked for help and prayers for Christmas day for the elderly people who would otherwise be on their own. Help is needed by Pat & Malcolm Johnson who organize the day. If you can help or know someone who would like to attend please contact Pat or Malcolm 0773 625 4241

Northampton Food Bank



As the weather gets colder and school holidays approach, the work of the Food bank increases. If you are able to support our collection there is a list of items needed and a collection box in church. Many thanks for your support.

Carol singing on the wards

Come along on Christmas Eve at 7pm and join us carol singing on the wards at Northampton General Hospital. Musicians are welcome to bring their musical instruments. *Meet at the back of Cliftonville restaurant at 6.45pm.*

Children's Society House Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their Children's Society box for emptying. If you do not have a Children's Society box or would like more details on what the Children's Society does please do ask. Many thanks, **Sue Wilson**

Street Pastors teams

The Street Pastors Teams will operate on all Saturday's except the 29th December. We will have a team on New Year's eve, Monday 31st December. No teams on any other Friday. Our teams operate around the town centre and Wellingborough Road area. They start around 10.30pm-10.45pm and will be out until 3am-4am. They have a break at some point during the patrol.

We are not down to pray as a church but prayer is always needed and valued. All supporting churches are especially asked to pray on New year's Eve.



Christingle Making

Join us **today** after the 10am Service. Everyone is welcome to help and there will be a soup lunch for all helpers. The more people we have helping, the faster we will finish! Thank you, **Marion Angus**

Church APCM Advanced notice

Although the APCM is not until 27th April, please get your reports in in plenty of time i.e. by the end of February. Thanks. **Norman Critchlow**

Postage Stamps

As you receive Christmas mail please do cut off the postage stamps (leaving a 5mm border) and put in the Leprosy Mission box in church. Thanks. **Geoffrey Goswell**

New year's Eve



As last year there will be a gathering in Church for those who are not otherwise engaged and would like to come to see the new year in!

New Communion Service



As from **Sunday January 6th** there will be a said service of **Holy Communion** each week at **8am**

Christmas Greetings from Nessie Mills.

I have received a Christmas card from Nessie thanking us all at St Benedict's for Roger's memorial service and for the generous donation (£230) which we sent to Macmillan Cancer Research. She adds "I have found a Church I feel comfortable with in Thurso. I go on Tuesday mornings but the local Church of Scotland in Dunnet I support of Sundays."