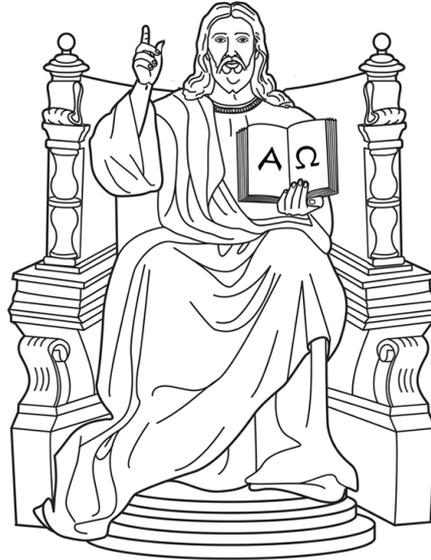


# **St. John's Carrington**

## **Parish Eucharist**

### ***Christ the King***



**24<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### **Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church**

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Whether this is your first time or whether you have been coming for years, we are delighted to welcome you.

We prepare for worship by being still, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we encourage you to use the time before the service in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

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**Mass setting: 'The Mass of St. Thomas' – David Thorne**

*The service is led by the Vicar, the Revd. James Pacey*

*The sermon is given by Susi Artis, Lay Minister*

*A prayer before the service begins:*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We say together the words in bold print. We stand to sing.*

## HYMN

1. **Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:**  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
  
2. **Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love:  
When he had purged our stains,  
he took His seat above:**  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
  
3. **His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:**  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
  
4. **He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:**  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

## THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

✘ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

*We remain standing as the priest introduces the service after which our children leave for Kids' Church.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Matthew 4.17*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought, word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

#### THE GLORIA

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest,  
Glory to God in the Highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.**

*Please remain standing as the priest introduces a period of silent prayer.*

#### THE COLLECT

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST READING: Colossians 1.11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated for the Gradual Psalm, standing & turning to face the Gospel as it is processed.*

PSALM 46

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
And though the mountains are shaking  
in the midst of the sea.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Though the waters rage and foam,  
And though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea:  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

God is in the midst of her,  
Therefore shall she not be moved;  
God will help her, and at break of day:  
The nations make uproar  
and the kingdoms are shaken,  
But God has lifted his voice,  
and the earth shall tremble.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come then and see what the Lord has done,  
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.  
He makes wars to cease in all the world;  
He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
and burns the chariots in the fire.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Be still, and know that I am God!  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted upon the earth.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you,

*All* **And also with you.**

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.**

*After a prayer we sit for the sermon.*

THE SERMON

*After the sermon we stand to declare the faith of the Church using the Creed.*

THE CREED

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*After, we kneel or sit for the prayers.*

#### INTERCESSIONS

*After each, the following response is used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear my prayer.**

*This response may also be used for any recent anniversaries of departed:*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord  
*All* **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The prayers may conclude with:*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
*All* **Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father,  
*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We stand for the Peace.*

#### THE PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts

*cf Colossians 3.14,15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
*All* **and also with you.**

*We greet one another with Christ's Peace by offering each a hand in greeting saying "the peace of the Lord be always with you" and the reply "and also with you".*

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**
- 2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders in their great array.**
- 3. Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**
- 4. Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**
- 5. Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

*The gifts are received.*

*We remain standing for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayer is printed in full below if the responses are unfamiliar, although we encourage you to observe and prayerfully listen to the liturgy.*

#### PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God,  
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.  
May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty

a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*We sit or kneel.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread  
And drink this cup,

*All* **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

#### AGNUS DEI

*All* **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We receive communion in a circle around the altar. All are very welcome. We remain in the circle until all have received though if standing for long periods is tricky, do feel free to return to your seat.*

*If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please do come up but keep your hands in front of you.*

*During communion an anthem ('Lift Your Heads' by Bach) is sung, after which we sing the following:*

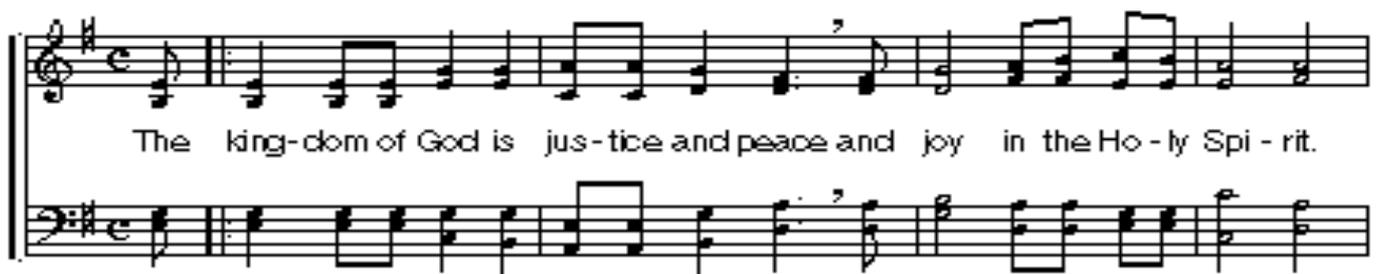
#### COMMUNION HYMNS

**Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility and washes our feet.**

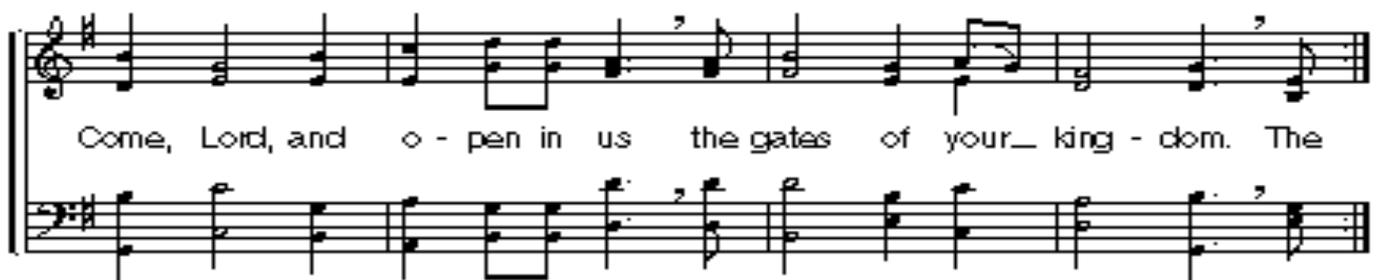
***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty,  
Bow down and worship for this is your God,  
this is your God.***

**Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,  
and as they crucify prays "Father forgive."  
*O what a mystery...***

**Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.  
*O what a mystery...***



The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit.



Come, Lord, and o-pen in us the gates of your king-dom. The

**The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come Lord, and open in us, the gates of your Kingdom.**

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*We hold a time of silent prayer.*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Almighty God,  
*All* **we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*We sit for the NOTICES. After which we say:*

Almighty God,  
*All* **We give you thanks and praise for our life together.  
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love  
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,  
so make us one in hearts and mind,  
in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

#### FINAL HYMN

- 1. Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly,  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**
- 2. Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but, above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

#### THE DISMISSAL

#### THE BLESSING

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts  
and bring you to reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen**

All Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Voluntary: Preludes on the tune "Gopsal".*

*Do stay for tea, coffee and a chat!*

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## NOTICES

### **James' Parish Days**

This week will be Wednesday and Thursday.

### **Date for the diary – Taizé Service – 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm**

Join us this evening for a Taizé service: a beautiful candlelit service involving simple sung chants. All very welcome.

### **Date for the Diary - Advent Fair, 30<sup>th</sup> November, from 12.30pm-5pm**

We look forward to seeing you at the Advent Fair this coming Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> - whether you are helping or visiting to support St. Johns and the community. Please bring your friends. There will be some lovely stalls selling Christmas gifts, great music and lots of interesting things to see and do as well as food and drink to enjoy. If you have items to donate for the Fair - cakes, bottles, food hamper goodies etc. - the church will be open on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 5.30 p.m. The office will be also be open at regular times in the week for non perishable items. Let's make Saturday a great afternoon!

If you are available on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to help prepare the building for the Advent Fair or can now help on the day please see Cynthia after the service.

### **Date for the Diary – Beer and Carols, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**

Following the huge success last year, we will be having another Beer and Carols evening in the Gladstone. This will be a fun evening with singing, mince pies and beer (non-alcoholic drinks available!) Do come along!

### **Bible Study – Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup>) 7pm**

Bible study meets this Wednesday in church, continuing at our look at the overarching narrative of scripture. All very welcome.

### **The Posada**

Advent is approaching, and our Posada figures – Mary, Joseph and the donkey – will be setting out on their journey at the Christmas Fair on December 1. If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Please include your phone number so you can liaise with the hosts before and after you. We can arrange to transport the Posada if it is difficult for you – have a word with Mandy. Publicise it on social media with #carringtonposada

## Postcards

As last year, we have produced some postcards introducing James as the new Vicar and letting folks know about our forthcoming Christmas services & events. The plan between now and the 30<sup>th</sup> November is to deliver them through each door in the parish. It would be a HUGE help if you are able to take a street and pop them through doors. With thanks.

## Intercessors' Meeting

As folks are struggling to make the suggested date, we will look for an alternative early in the New Year to meet as an intercessors' team. This will be an opportunity to reflect on best practice and continue to learn from one another to ensure our intercessions are the best they can be. All current intercessors are strongly encouraged to attend (your input is valuable!) and have a word with James if you're interested in joining the intercessors team.

## Nativity Tickets are on sale

As you know, we're really excited as a church to be putting on *The Carrington Nativity*. There is a wonderful cast of folks from this church and the wider community and tickets are now on sale. Do get your tickets and please encourage someone who does not yet know of the story to join you.

## Christmas Services

Now that Advent is in sight, we're looking forward to our Christmas services and events:

30<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Fair

15<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – Christingle

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December, 7.30pm – Carrington Nativity

22<sup>nd</sup> December, 6pm – Carol Service

Christmas Eve, 3pm – Crib Service,      11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 10am - Eucharist

## Services & events this week

<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>12pm</b>	Midday Prayer
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>9am</b> <b>10am</b>  <b>12-2pm</b> <b>7pm</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i> Carrington Community Café Bible Study
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> <b>9am</b> <b>9.30am-11am</b>	Morning Prayer Toddlers

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>9am</b> <b>12.30pm-5pm</b>	Morning Prayer Advent Fair
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> <b>10am</b>  <b>6pm</b>	Parish Eucharist for Advent Sunday with the admission of children to communion Evensong

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