

# St Nicholas Cuddington Welcome

*December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**10am Holy Communion**

*Leader: Canon Phil Groves Preacher: Nigel Featherston*

*Subject: Joseph accepts Jesus as his Son*

## NOTICES

Today Open House with Nadine & Howard ~ *see notice below*

Wed	Carol Singing round the Village	Upper Green	6pm
Thurs	Decorating the church ~ <i>see notice below</i>		10am
Fri	Toddler singing group	Church	10am
	Bellringing practice	Church	7.30pm
Sat	Crib Service	Church	2.30pm
	Carols by Candlelight	Church	7pm
Sun	Holy Communion	Church	8am
	Christmas All-Age Service	Church	10am
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Joint Benefice Communion Service	Church	10am

### *Church Flowers for Christmas*

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas from 10am on Thursday 22nd December. Everyone is welcome ~ no experience necessary. So long as you know the difference between holly and ivy we'd love to see you!

For further details speak to Rosemary (290249)

## Today!

*Nadine and Howard warmly invite you to their Christmas Open House on Sunday 18th December 12.30 to 3pm.*

**Worshipping God, Serving Community, Sharing Life**

### *Collect for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

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.

### *Isaiah 7. 10-16*

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.’ <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.’

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, ‘Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, <sup>16</sup> for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

### *Matthew 1. 18-25*

#### **Joseph accepts Jesus as his son**

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

### **PRAYER TOPICS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

We pray that the Carol Singing round the village will be enjoyed by many. Let us pray that the Crib Service and the Carol Service on Christmas Eve will be well attended and enjoyed.

*If you would like prayer for someone please give the name to Graham (290000). Please seek permission from the person; names will stay on the list for 2 weeks. Thereafter, anyone needing ongoing prayer support will continue to be supported by one or more of our homegroups, and names will be listed here on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.*

#### **! CHRISTMAS CARD STAMPS !**

Don't forget to collect and pass on your used postage stamps to Cilla or Eileen so that we can continue to support the work of Inter-Continental Church Society

*Please take this notice sheet with you when you leave the service as a reminder of meetings, events, organisations and Individuals for whom your prayers are asked*

#### ***Rethinking Christmas Study & celebration about Advent & Christmas***

With Markus and Celia Bockmuehl in Cuddington on Monday 2nd January from 8-9pm.

For more information visit Cuddington Village website.

Register at :  
[www.is.gd/Advent16](http://www.is.gd/Advent16)

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