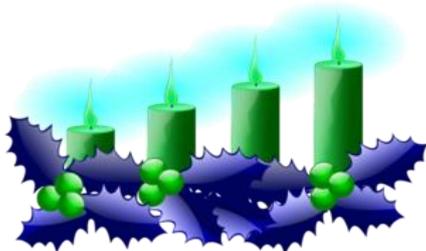


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24 December 2017

Advent 4

WELCOME!

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning Revd Canon Sarah Brown leads our worship. We welcome members of the congregations from Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers, and a team of local bell ringers`.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES

	Today 11.00am	25 December 11.00am The Ven. Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton.	31st December 10.00am TEAM SERVICE at Holy Cross, Daventry.	07 January 11.00am
Challis	Jean Somerville	Gill Beardmore	Team Service	Jean Somerville
Sidesperson	Bob Somerville	Roslyn Loades		Bob Somerville
Reader	Joan Roberts	Jackie Hibbert		Jackie Hibbert
Prayers	Vicar	Vicar		Vicar

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Today	14 January	28 January
Crib Service 6.00pm	Evensong BCP 4.00pm	Sunday Teatime 4.00pm
<i>All welcome.</i>	<i>Gill and Keith Beardmore</i> <i>For those who enjoy the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer.</i>	<i>Gill Beardmore and Jan Wall</i> <i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>

Collect

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Romans 16. 25-37

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 1. 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Thank you to Val and everyone who decorated the Church so beautifully for our Christmas services. Thanks also to Amelia and Chris for decorating the Christmas tree.



May your Christmas be filled with peace, love, and joy.

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Please let me know if you would like your name adding to the email list to receive weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.

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Carol Service - Christmas 2017