

READINGS

St James', Southbroom

Sunday 25 December 2016

Daily Readings

<u>Monday 26th</u> Genesis 4:1-10	Psalm 86 Matthew 23:34-end
<u>Tuesday 27th</u> Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 97 1 John 5:1-12
<u>Wednesday 28th</u> Isaiah 49:14-25	Psalm 128 Mark 10:13-16
<u>Thursday 29th</u> Isaiah 57:15-end	Psalm 19 John 1:1-18
<u>Friday 30th</u> Isaiah 59:1-15a	Psalm 113 John 1:19-28
<u>Saturday 31st</u> Isaiah 59:15b-end	Psalm 102 John 1:29-34
<u>Sunday 1st</u> Deuteronomy 30:11-end	Psalm 115 Acts 3:1-16

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Collect – Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Word had come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voice;
together they shout for joy.
When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
For the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The Lord will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

John 1:1-14

I In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.