

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

Parish Eucharist Christmas I

29 December 2024
at 10.00 am

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Gathering

Cloth for the cradle,
cradle for the child,
the child for our ev'ry joy and sorrow;
find him a shawl that's woven by us all
to welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.

John L Bell and Graham Maule

Welcome

The President is Revd Michael Bayley

The Deacon and Preacher is Boyd Morgan

Welcome



Gathering

Opening Hymn

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
watched by cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he the world surpasses,
that he the world surpasses.

Then the fearful Herod cried:
'Pow'r is mine in Jewry!' So the blameless children died
the victims of his fury,
the victims of his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir, with peals of glee,
shall rend the air asunder
shall rend the air asunder.

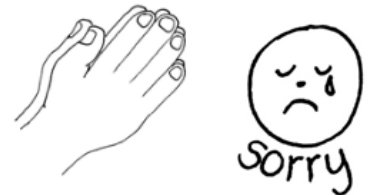
Moosberg (1355 - 1360)

Tune: Puer Nobis

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you:
and also with you.

**LIGHT ETERNAL,
you bring to light things hidden in darkness
and know the shadows of our hearts:
cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,
that we may walk in the light
and glorify your name;
through Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world. Amen.**

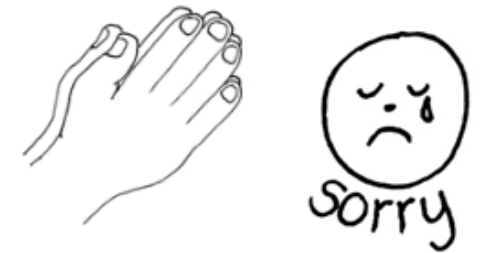


**Prayers of
Approach &
Penitence**

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Christ, the Light of the world,
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light, we become aware
of our shortcomings
and God's desire for us
to fulfil our potential.

Pause for reflection



**Prayers of
Approach &
Penitence**

You were born through Mary's labour;
but we look for easy answers that cost us nothing.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were greeted by shepherds and angels;
but we close our doors on those outside.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You share our humanity and delight in your creation;
but we make your love too small
and take your gift for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of forgiveness
heal you of all that harms you
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Gloria

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.



Joy to the earth!
The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: Antioch

The Collect

Spirit of energy and change,
in whose power Jesus was anointed
to be the hope of the nations:
be poured out also upon us
without reserve or distinction,
that we may have confidence and strength
to plant your justice on the earth,
through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Janet Morley

Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word,
let us pray together:

**May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.**

The love of God be with us all.

Amen



**Journeying
in faith**

Attending

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Page 254 Old Testament NRSV

Read by Gill MacGregor

At the end the reader says:

How is this God's word of love for us today?

After the reading we share a time of quiet



Reading

Gradual Hymn

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship Christ the newborn king.
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship Christ the newborn king.
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations,
ye have seen his natal star.
Come and worship Christ the newborn king.
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear.

Come and worship Christ the newborn king.

Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his father's throne,
gather all the nations to him,
every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship Christ the newborn king.
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.

James Montgomery (1771 - 1854)

Tune: Iris

Gospel Luke 2.41-52

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon

Boyd Morgan, (exploring vocation)

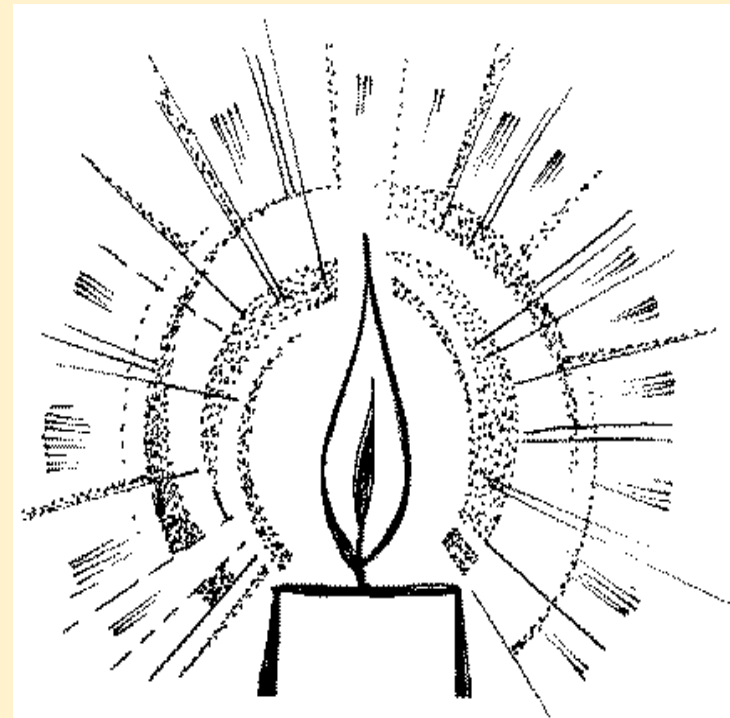
Prayers of the People

Led by Shelley Johnston

Light of the world,
Bring healing, bring peace.

At the end

Christ, Light of the world.
**May your healing peace
bring hope to our troubled world;
be born in us, we pray. Amen.**



Sharing Peace

Unto us a boy is born, unto us a son is given
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



Sharing Peace

Offertory Hymn

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.



'Fear not' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind)
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.'

'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign:

'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
Tune: Cranbrook

Abiding

Preparation

We bring to this table our daily lives:

**Bread to sustain us,
the fruit of our labours.**

As shepherds and sages worshipped the Prince of Peace.

We bring our offerings of thanksgiving and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



We thank you loving God,
for you did not stand far off
but came in close
with the urgency of love;

we praise you
for the Word made flesh
born of Mary's body,
nurtured in her womb,
cradled in her arms,
greeted by her song.

The fullness of God dwells in his flesh,
a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside,
good news of bread for the hungry and poor,
a shepherd to find those who are lost.

Now we are caught up,
body and soul resound
with the glory of music divine,
echoing through the hallowed earth, singing:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom forever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love,
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he
whose life makes us whole
and whose death sets us free.**

**Who comes in the name of the father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

*Text: Sheffield Cathedral, Music: Trad Irish Melody,
arr. Colin Hand (1929 - 2015) Tune: Slane*

We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things
may be to us the body and blood
of your Son, our brother, Jesus Christ;

who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with his friends for a meal
that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper,
he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now
he offers himself in touch and taste
beyond all words can hold.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Therefore we come in memory and hope,
responding to your call
and the promise that echoes
from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held
by your self-giving love
as, celebrating your birth,
we catch a glimpse of you
shining in the darkness.

So draw us into the intensity of your love
that your life may be renewed in us,
our lives may present you to the world
and the whole universe may reveal your glory.
Amen.

Steven Shakespeare (adapted)

Lord's Prayer & Communion

OUR FATHER in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.



The bread is broken

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

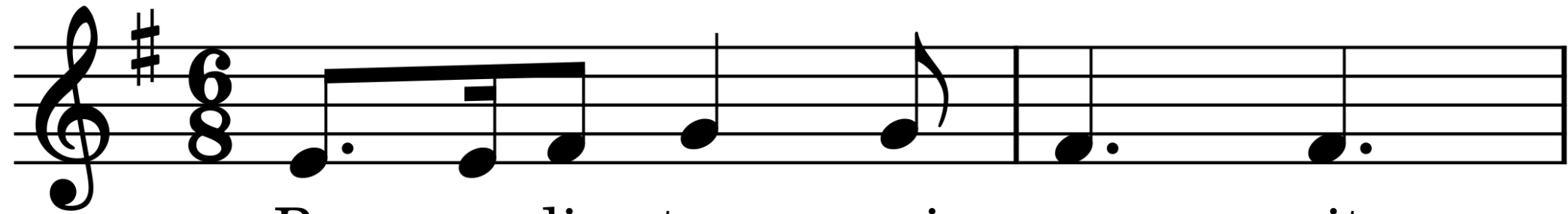
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Words of invitation follow.

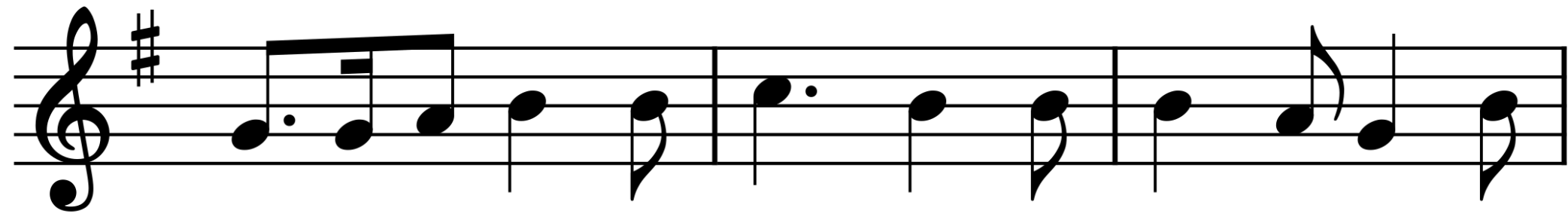
Draw near to Bethlehem, House of Bread,
where hungry hearts are satisfied,
seeking souls find wisdom,
and failing faith is kindled back to life.

**Today, God has turned the world upside-down
and restored the dignity of all people.
Alleluia!**

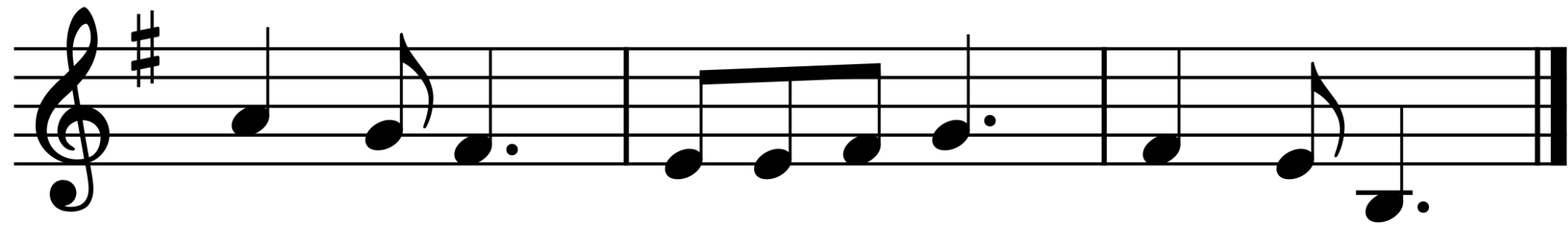
During communion we sing this Taizé chant:



Be - ne-dic - tus qui ve - nit,



be - ne-dic-tus qui ve - nit, in no - mi-ne, in



no - mi-ne, in no-mi-ne Do - mi-ni.

Prayer of Commitment

**God of life,
you reveal your glory
in the humility of our humanity,
and through ordinary things made holy.
As we accompany those who walk in darkness
and rejoice with all who have seen great light;
may Christ be found among us
and his beauty enlighten the world.
Amen.**



Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the sages,
the openness of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christchild be yours;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life,
rest upon you and those whom you love,
both living and departed,
this Christmas and always. **Amen.**



Blessing

Final Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.



Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
Tune: Lord for the Years

Commission *(from the back of church)*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Christmas Pastorale

Adam Heron

Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service, please stay if you can.

For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group after the voluntary to which you are welcome.



Friendship Time



SERVICE OF WELCOME

You are invited to a service of welcome at which

The Revd Dr Beth Keith

will be installed and inducted by

The Bishop of Sheffield

as Vicar of St Mark Broomhill and Broomhall,
and licensed as Priest in Charge of St Mary Walkley
and Oversight Minister in the Three Spires Mission Area.

15 JANUARY 2025

7.30 PM

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There is an ongoing collection at St Mark's of good quality warm clothes and coats, as well as toiletries, shower gel and period products for refugees.
Thank you so much for your generosity.





**Open Communion is an inclusive
service for the LGBTQIA people
that meets once a month**

**Next service
4pm on 12 January**

THINKING FAITH

On the second Sunday of each month we tackle a different topic, with a panel discussion, and lots of time for questions and responses from guest speakers.



12 JANUARY 7PM

LISTEN, LEARN, EXPLORE.....

SEVEN HILLS SHUL - SHEFFIELD'S
PROGRESSIVE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

This event will be devoted to exploring
aspects of the life of Seven Hills Shul.