



Welcome to St Robert's Church, Pannal

Sunday 23rd December 2018

4th Sunday in Advent

Introit: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came'

Processional Hymn: NEH 19 (Come, thou Redeemer of the earth)

Advent Wreath Song: Christmas is coming (Refrain & v1 - 4)

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a - read by Peter Stretton

Gradual Hymn: NEH 57 (The race that long in darkness pined)

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45 - read by Christine Littlewood

Offertory Hymn: NEH 161 (T385) (For Mary, Mother of the Lord)

Prayers: Ian Mckie

Choir Anthem: *Ave Maria (Philip Stopford)*

Communion Hymns: NEH 41 (Where is this stupendous stranger?), NEH 15 (The Lord will come and not be slow)

Final Hymn: NEH 186 (Tell out my soul)

The Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Refreshments are served in the Chapter House after the Sunday 9.15am and Thursday 10.30am service and all are welcome to stay

The Advent Wreath

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Grace and Love

...a symbol of God's love that is alive in us each day too.

**All:" O God, come, travel with us through Advent.
Give us courage to spread love in the world. Amen.**

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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Today

3.30pm Roving Nativity

Christmas Eve

3.00pm & 4.15pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion – traditional language with carols

9.15am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 30th December

9.15am Parish Communion

Bible Book Club

Discussing different books of the Bible

21st January, 18th February, 18th March

1.30pm—3.00pm in St Robert's Chapter House

First book to read is the Gospel of Mark

(about 90 minutes reading time)

St Robert's Church, Epiphany

Thank You Evening

Saturday 5th January 7pm onwards in The Chapter House

The Churchwardens are hosting their **Epiphany Thank You Evening** and invite all who volunteer in any way to come along so that we can celebrate the last year's efforts. Please let Tim, Ann or Ted know if you are able to attend as soon as possible.

Tim: 01423 542082 Ann: 0113 288 6646 Ted: 07766920000

Lunch Club - Tuesday 22nd January
Holy Communion at 12.00pm (optional) followed by lunch at 12.30pm

Lunch Club is in the Chapter House at St Robert's Church every month. Serving a home cooked main course and dessert, drinks £10 per person.

A main course with a selection of vegetables, followed by a choice of puddings. Coffee/tea with mints to finish. Transport can be provided. A warm welcome to all. Telephone Jean Hannam for further details. 01423 545646.



The Bible Course
Explore the BIG story

Thursdays 11.30-1pm
@ Chapter House, St Robert's

2nd chance to attend

New to the Bible or want to go deeper? This 8-week course will show how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life.

Dates:	
10 January	7 February
17 January	14 February
24 January	21 February
31 January	28 February

You don't have to attend every session... come when you can.
Course book donation £5

For more information email vicar@strobertschurch.co.uk

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The meeting in December was our Christmas party. It was a really fun evening. Everyone contributed to a wonderful buffet. Jean Hannah brought a quiz for us to do. It was a story with some words missing. The missing words were names of musical instruments but in some cases imagination and lateral thinking were needed. We had all been asked to take a photograph of ourselves as a young child and then we had to guess who it was. This caused much hilarity. There were sixteen pictures and the winning score was THREE!!

There is no meeting in January.

Hope you all have a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Xx