

Christmas and New Year Services at the Abbey

Sunday 29 Dec	8am	Said Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5pm	Evensong
Sunday 5 Jan	8am	Said Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5pm	Evensong
Sunday 12 Jan	8am	Said Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5pm	Epiphany Carol Service

Churchwardens chat

There will be no weekday services between Christmas and New Year except for Midday Prayer on Friday 27 Dec. for St John the Evangelist.

Midweek services in 2025

From December 30th, we will return to Morning Prayer on Monday to Fridays at 10am plus a Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10.30am. The Abbey will be closed to visitors on Thursday 26 December but thereafter open on most days from 10am – 3pm.

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Pastoral visits

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk, 07543 593903
Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day off is a Monday.
He will also be on leave on December 26 and 27.

Advent reading: If you have borrowed books during Advent please remember to return them to Margaret Hartley.

Wymondham Abbey ❖ 25 December 2024

Christmas Day

Welcome to the Abbey, especially if you are newly with us or visiting. Use this sheet in conjunction with the main Eucharist booklet, for the hymns and readings.

Carols are on the Bethlehem Carol Sheet: 12, 1, 27, 3, 22

*After the bell rings, the choir and clergy enter and we all stand and sing **Carol 12, Joy to the world***

We begin on page 3.

*Page 6: we all sing **Glory in the highest.***

*Page 7: **First Reading** – Isaiah 9: 2, 6–7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing **Carol 1, Angels from the realms of glory***

*Page 7: we stand for the **Gospel** reading Luke 2: 1–20*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Page 7: **Sermon***

*Page 9: after the Peace, we sing **Carol 27, While shepherds watched***

*The **Eucharistic Prayer**, during which the bread and wine are consecrated, begins on page 9.*

Please join in the singing of the 'Holy, Holy' (p10) and 'Lamb of God' (p13) in the 'Mass of the Holy Angels' setting on the yellow sheet.

*Page 13: during the distribution of **Communion** the Choir will sing: 'I saw three ships' and 'Ding Dong merrily on high' then we sing **Carol 3, Away in a Manger** arr. Hill. The Junior choir will sing verse one on their own.*

*After the **Blessing** we sing **Carol 22, The first Nowell***

Organ Voluntary: Sortie in E \flat by Louis J. A. Lefébure-Wély

There will be no coffee after the service today.

A personal message from Jim and Brian

We would like to wish you and yours a very peaceful and joyous Christmas. Thank you to every one of you for your support, hard work and encouragement throughout the last year. We have collectively achieved a great deal, both within and beyond the Abbey itself. With Fr Andrew now fully 'in harness' and guided by the Holy Spirit, we will be expanding the work that we do to bring the people of Wymondham closer to the love of God. We truly believe that collectively we can achieve so much for our town.



Parish Giving Scheme

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The life of the Abbey depends on congregational giving, so we are very grateful for your support.