



Truro Cathedral

sacred space, common ground

08:00 BCP Holy Communion – Revd. Andrew Yates

- Preacher Dean Simon Robinson

18.00 Kres

48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities

186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:

Music at the 10:00am Choral Eucharist

Plainsong

Setting: Missa Brevis

Joubert

J.S. Bach

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**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil

and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second reading: Romans.1-7 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel reading: Matthew 1. 18-end Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer: 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**

This week we are praying for: May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Samantha Holland, Alison Jones, Mary Prior, Jonathan Chalcroft, Karen Cox, Elliot Wills, Laura Bushell Hawke, Christine Moody, Ruth Robathan, Margaret Wallace, Jill Staplehurst, Claire Burgess, Colin Bradley, Sophia Jenkins.

RIP: Christine Wippell

Next Sunday, 28 December Holy Innocents

08:00 BCP Holy Communion

10:00 Choral Eucharist

14.00 Pets' Service

Services for the week beginning: 22/12/2025

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| Monday 22 December <i>O Rex Gentium</i> | 9:00 | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 | Morning Prayer |
| | 16.00 | Evening Prayer |
| Tuesday 23 rd December <i>O Emmanuel</i> | 9:00 | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 | Morning Prayer |
| | 16.00 | Evening Prayer |
| | 19.00 | Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols |
| Wednesday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 9:00 | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 | Morning Prayer |
| | 16.00 | Evening Prayer |
| | 19.00 | Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols |
| | 23.00 | Midnight Mass |
| Thursday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i> | 9:00 | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00 | Festal Eucharist |
| | 13.00 | Prayer in the day |
| Friday 26th December <i>St Stephen, first martyr</i> | 11:00 | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 14:00 | Prayer in the Day |
| Saturday 27th December <i>St John the Evangelist</i> | 9:00 | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 | Morning Prayer |
| | 16:00 | Evening Prayer |

Cathedral Crib – a big thank you goes to the Caretaking Team for stepping in to make a lovely new crib, after the much-loved inn and stable designed by Adrian Miller became wobbly and had to be replaced. As ever, we are very grateful to G W Viant, Thatchers of Redruth, for the traditional thatching, and to local funeral directors WJ Beswetherick for their contribution towards the costs.

Carol Singing Raises £500

Truro Cathedral Choir entertained late night shoppers with carols on 26 November and 3 December. Everyone really enjoyed the singing, and they raised £500 to be shared equally between Cornwall Mind and the cathedral's music. Well done to all the singers and thank you to everyone who supported the event, especially the team of volunteers from Cornwall Mind and the cathedral who helped collect the donations.

Truro Cathedral Charity Number: 1207821

