



All Saints, Mudeford



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The Parish of Mudeford

Weekly News Sheet



High Cross Somerford

Sunday 20th December 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

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Advent 4 Luke 1.26-38 The Annunciation

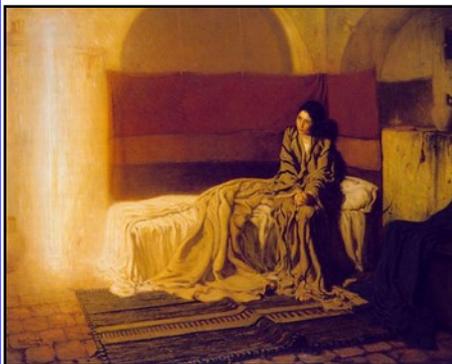
Today we are remembering the Annunciation and thinking about Mary, the mother of Jesus and her part in the Christmas narrative, the incarnation, when God became human and dwelt amongst us. It was all part of God's plan of salvation.

We have already met the angel Gabriel earlier in this first chapter of Luke. He had been sent to the elderly priest Zechariah to tell him the good news that his wife Elizabeth was to have a baby after many long and painful years of waiting. At Zechariah's disbelief he had asserted, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news."

So, when Gabriel arrived in Nazareth, we knew something momentous was about to happen. We are introduced to Mary as a young teenager engaged to be married to Joseph a carpenter and she is preparing herself for this important event in her life.

The angel addresses her as 'highly favoured one'. That phrase is only used one other time in the New Testament. Paul uses it in his letter to the Ephesians. Mary is held in very high esteem by the Lord. Mary was startled but she did not argue with the angel and suggest he tried someone more worthy. She was open to God, was willing to receive his love and favour and that gave her confidence to accept the challenging task that God was asking of her, with faith and humility. It was as if she had been prepared for this moment.

This event has been depicted by many painters over the centuries and I would like to look at 2 paintings.



The Annunciation by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1898) who was the first African American artist to gain international acclaim. His mother had been born into slavery and escaped and his father was a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first independent black denomination in the US. He moved to Paris in 1891 to study, and decided to stay there, being readily accepted in French artistic circles. He chose not to represent the form of the angel and concentrate on Mary's face.

The Annunciation was painted by Adam Pomeroy in 2014, an Irish artist. He painted Mary as a young Irish girl. He too has not tried to depict the angel but focuses on Mary. This painting is now in the cathedral of Ennis.



Her response to this news, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word' reflects her implicit trust in God and her willingness to accept whatever God had in store for her.

Mary continued her life of humble faithfulness to God and her devotion to her son Jesus. She was there at the foot of the cross when he died, she was there in the upper room with the other disciples after his resurrection, praying and was with them on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon them all.

As we consider Mary's life as she accepted the call of God on her life, she welcomed the Holy Spirit, she was devoted to Jesus and endured suffering as well as great joy. At this time of advent, we think about our own lives and the model that Mary has given to us.

Collect

Heavenly Father as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for him to come in glory. Give us the grace and strength each day as we seek to live for you. **Amen**

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**

Sunday services in Church 20th December

8.00am & 10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sermon: Rev Anne Jablonski

Reading: Romans 16: 25-27 by Mary Howe

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Prayers with Pauline Williams

Sunday Service on line from 7am Sunday

Our internet services, prayers, and talks are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/parishofmudford/> and on You Tube Channel.

Both of these can be accessed from our web site at www.allsaintsmudford.org

In our Parish

We continue to ask for God's healing presence in the lives of those who are unwell, those in hospital and those waiting for treatment.

We remember especially Marion, Amanda, Canon Patrick, Sarah, Liz, David, Sheila, Tony, Doreen, Angela D, Robert, Noleen, Stephen, David and Jenny, Betty and John.

We remember all those suffering from Covid 19 and those who care for them.

We pray for the Faithful Departed and all those who mourn. We remember this week the family and friends of Berry Campbell and Christine Race. This week we also pray for the family and friends of John Baggott, especially his wife Helen, his sister and brother-in-law Avis and Tony. May they feel the comfort of God's peace during this sad time.

We pray for all those who are not looking forward to a Christmas on their own. May they feel the comfort of God's presence in their loneliness and know that things will get better.

We pray for all those who have to work over Christmas especially those in care homes and hospitals and others who care for those in need.

We pray that the new vaccine will give hope to many people and pray for all those working to distribute it throughout the country.

We continue to pray for our missionary links around the world. We hold in our prayers especially: The girls in The House of Joy, the people of Kinkiizi, the Julius and Dora Children's Centre in Kenya, Chris & Veronica Padayachee our CMS link partners. We pray the work of St Francis Hospital, Zambia. We also remember Jeremy Nash and the people of Burkina Faso in West Africa.

Online services

Sunday 20 December:

9 lessons and Carols

Mini-Christingle for younger children

Friday 25 December:

Christmas Day Celebration

Mini Christingle online

Sunday 20th from 11.30am: Mini-Christingle with Anthea and Marion. Aimed at younger infants,

Services in Church

Sunday 20th December:

6.00pm: 9 lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December:

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Christmas Carols **outside** at All Saints

10.00pm: Late night Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day:

25th December 10.00 am:

Communion Celebration

Sunday 27th December: 10.00 am:

Christmas Sunday Communion

Please note that the Christmas Eve "Midnight Mass" will this year be at **10pm** to enable more people to attend.

FINANCE: Please may I ask for your continued financial support. Please send donations in cash or cheque to me Tony Eden at, 3, Minterne Road, Christchurch, BH23 3LD making cheques payable to "The PCC of Mudeford.". If you use the BACS system you can send donations directly to the following account:
The PCC of Mudeford
Sort Code: 52-21-34
Account no: 03060012
Reference: please use your name as reference.

We are truly grateful for all the support that we have been given this year, which has enabled us to continue paying our bills. We hope that we can continue to do this in 2021. Thank you very much.
Tony - Treasurer

MISSION POT:

Our Mission Pot for December is for the **Children's Society**. You can send a donation to All Saints Church or you can text money through directly. Thank you.

Pastoral Care:

Please contact: Rev Anne Jablonski
01425 240018
or Tony Eden 01202 473003
If you are in need of shopping please get in contact with us to help arrange for someone to contact you. If you are able to shop for someone please let us know.

Thank you

We have received thank you letters from those organisations where we have sent money, including The House of Joy, Church Mission Society (CMS), and the Royal British Legion.

Priest-in-Charge of Mudeford

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Associate Priest

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If you would like any Traidcraft food items please contact Pauline and you might be able to collect the items from her front porch

Pauline's contact number is: 01202 241395

Comfort and Joy:

The prayer booklets Comfort and Joy are available at church and by distribution to guide us through the 12 days of Christmas up to Epiphany. There are also "Comfort and Joy" apps that you can download.

Cards by Rachel Nash

Rachel is still selling her beautiful greetings cards with profits going to Burkino Faso. Her email address is rachel.nash.cards@gmail.com She delivers to your door or you can pick them up at Pauline's

All Saints Church Calendar 2021 is still available at £5

This year's Calendar has been produced by Ann and Paul Smith. It includes stunning photographs of their outings in Mudeford, The New Forest and the surrounding areas.

The Calendar can be delivered to your home
Contact Judy or Tony on 01202 473003
or email anthony.eden84@btinternet.com
to reserve your copy

All profits go to support All Saints Church

Church Christmas Card
This is available in church with details of all activities over the

Our Vision for Mission

This Parish seeks to be inclusive in extending God's kingdom, by encouraging the whole community to grow in the Christian faith through prayer and worship and to care for others through pastoral and practical support.