

# St Nicholas, Ingrave

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## Advent 2

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. 9.30am. Holy Communion

**Sidesmen:** Peggy Hill **Reader:** Wendy Fleming **Intersessions:** Pat Horton  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Lynn Studd **Offertory:** Barry & Wendy Clarke  
**Refreshments;** Wendy Fleming & Sally Edwards

**Readings:** Malachi 3: 1-4, Benedictus, Luke 3:1-6

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## This week:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00am Holy Communion

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Advent 3. 9.30am. Holy Communion

**Sidesmen:** Lorraine Foskett & Jackie Channa **Reader:** Norma Jeffery **Intersessions:** David Schacht  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Steve Slocombe **Offertory:** Wendy Fleming & Christine Throp  
**Refreshments;** Christine Throp & Mary Jane Targett

**Readings:** Zeph 3: 14-20, Luke 3: 7-8

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**We are praying for:** Malcolm Benson, Geoffrey Pimblott, Daniel Shultz, Betty Cartwright, Len Ellaway, Brian Smith

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**From the book of Remembrance:** Frank Harold Balls, Clara Lily Atherton, Freda Gladys Saunders.

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Please inform Pat (810123) about people to add to our prayer list, and let Paul know about any parishioners who would appreciate him visiting.

**Hard of hearing:** An induction loop is fitted. Please use the setting on your hearing aid.

**Taking Communion:** All confirmed members of the Church of England, children who have attended our preparation course and baptised visitors who are full members of their own church are invited to take Communion. If you are not a communicant, please come forward for a blessing.

**Visitors' Book:** If you are a visitor, or new to our church, we warmly welcome you. Please sign our Visitors' Book on the table in the porch.

**Foodbank:** We urgently need tins of hot meat and instant mash, also tins of meat pies, cold meat (not corned beef), potatoes, rice & sponge puddings and custard; pasta sauce, jams & spreads; sugar; squash; juice; coffee; tomato & brown sauces; washing powder & liquid; kitchen, bathroom & toilet cleaners; toilet rolls; shaving products; shampoo & conditioner; deodorant; shower gel,

**Church email list** for up to date information. To add your address please email [rectorspa@btinternet.com](mailto:rectorspa@btinternet.com)

**Communion Wine** - We would be grateful to receive donations of fortified wine for our Communion Services. QC or other fortified wine is perfect for our usage.

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## Future Events

**First Communion Preparation:** Children from the age of 7 years old can receive preparation for their first Holy Communion. If you think your child is ready, or for more information then please speak to Paul. Classes will begin later in the year.

**Christmas Card:** For those wishing to pass on the Season's greetings to the Church family there will be a large Christmas card at the back of the church during December. You may sign this adding your greeting. There will also be a collecting box to make a charitable donation.

**Wendy's Christmas Kitchen:** Come and join us for a taste of Christmas. Mulled wine, hot and cold Christmas fare. Musical entertainment by Pete and friends with their 2018 Christmas program. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. From 2.00 — 4.00pm St Nicholas Church Hall  
Ticket £7.00. All welcome

**Food Bank:** Now collecting Christmas fare as well as the usual requests. Thanks you to those who continually donate.

**Coffee Morning for " Breast Cancer Now "**. A huge thank you, from Pat and Rachel Slocombe, to everyone who came along or gave donations on 24th November. We have been able to forward a cheque for £200 to Breast Cancer Now.

### **Christmas Services**

**Christingle Service:** December 18<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm, Ingrave Johnstone School

**Carols by candlelight:** December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm. This is the Mayors Civic Service and is followed refreshments in the Church Hall

**Crib Service:** December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

**Midnight Mass:** December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30pm

**Christmas Day:** December 25<sup>th</sup> Family Communion 9.30am

Please could sidespeople let Pat know which services they are able to attend so that we can ensure we have cover throughout Christmas, thank you.

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### **Today's Readings**

#### **Malachi 3: 1-4,**

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

#### **Benedictus, (Isaiah 12: 2-6)**

2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen**

#### **Luke 3:1-6**

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"