

## Prayer at St Nicholas

Members of the Prayer Team are available in the prayer corner to pray with you during the administration at all communion services.

Prayer for the 10am service takes place in front of the organ at 9.50am – all are welcome to join for this.

Prayer can also be requested by putting a card on the prayer board. Please ask permission of the person concerned before adding a name to the board.

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### Church Family

As a church family we're keen to be looking out and caring for one another.

If you know of anyone who is ill or struggling and might appreciate a visit at home, do have a word with either Alison Valentine (t: 656948) or one of the clergy.

If you know anyone who would appreciate a lift to church, please contact Keith Nicholls (t: 601736)

### Church Phones

Hall: 07548928631 Church: 07548952804  
Sue and Martin: 01493 668184

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### PRAYER CORNER

**Please pray for** those who live on Foxglove Drive, Neptune Close and Woodcock Mews.

**Please pray for** all who are travelling this Christmas, may they know the safety that Mary and Joseph knew and the guidance that the wise men received.

**Please pray for** ..... What do you want to ask of Jesus this Christmas?

As we come closer to appointing a new Rector you might like to pray the following prayer.

Almighty God,  
We thank You that you know the right person to lead us as a church here in Bradwell. We pray that as clergy read the advert and ponder our church profile that that 'right person' would be compelled to apply and that those reviewing the applicants would recognise the qualities that they have to bring to us here, that nothing would get in the way of Your appointment being made.  
For the sake of Your Kingdom we pray. Amen



# ST NICHOLAS

*Bradwell*

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## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship today. The youngsters will go out for their own activities after the 1<sup>st</sup> hymn at the 10.00 service. Refreshments will be served after the 10am service – please do join us!

### Today at St Nicholas

**8.00 Holy Communion**  
Isaiah 10:33 - 11:10  
Matthew 1:18 - end

**10.00 Family Communion**  
Hebrews 10:5 - 10  
Luke 1:39 - 45

**4.00 Carol Service**

**7.00 Carol Service**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
as we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### A prayer for the lighting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent candle

Lord, Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children,  
who long for your coming  
Amen

## News in the Pews This Week

### Monday

- 3.00 pm** Children's Service – Christmas Story with dressing up. All adults to be brought by a child.
- 11.30 pm** Midnight Communion

### Tuesday

- 10.00 am** Service for Christmas Day

#### A prayer for the lighting of the candle on Christmas Day

Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest. Amen

#### HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM THE STAFF TEAM

and thanks for all that you have done to help the smooth running of the church during the vacancy.

### January Dates

- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Pop Pin  
Central Meeting
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Wedding Fayre
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** PCC
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** Friendship Lunch

An advert for a new Rector will be placed in the Church Times on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please be praying.

### Christmas Cards

**Don't forget to check whether there are cards for you in the sorting tray.**

**Still Needed..... For the New Year.....** someone to help in the kitchen at New Venture once a fortnight. It could be a job share so that you are only on duty once a month. Please speak to Helen if you can possibly help out. Thanks

### NEWS IN THE PEWS

Please send information for next week's News in the Pews to Sue by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan please.  
sue-upton@talk21.com

## SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

- 10.00 am** Family Communion  
Luke 2:41-end

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

### This Week

#### Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 2.30 pm** Mothers' Union in the hall – Annual Reports and Armchair Exercises led by Jean Smith. All are welcome.
- 7.30 pm** Fundraising Meeting in the hall. Do come and help us to plan events for the coming year.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January at St Nicholas

- 8.00** Holy Communion  
Isaiah 60:1-9  
John 2:1-11
- 10.00** All Age Family Worship  
Matthew 2:1-12
- 6.30** Holy Communion  
Isaiah 60:1-9  
John 2:1-11

#### OUR CHARITY FOR THIS CHRISTMAS IS EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST

Half of the collections at our Christmas services will go to their Christmas Appeal where £25 can provide medical provision for a mother and baby. We would hope to provide that help for 20 or more mothers and babies by your generous donations both in the collections and by your donations in sending just one Christmas card to the church family. Thank you for your support.