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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A:



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4th.WEEK OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sat.Dec.20 **MASS of 4th.SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

K'ton. 6.00 Int:Roger Kerrigan :

Sun. 21 **4th. SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Weobley 10.30. Int. Roger Kerrigan

Mon. 22 **Mass. Weob. 10.00**

Morning prayer Mon, Tue, Wed only. 9,40,

3.00 SERV. of RECONCILN – Weob. Fr.Paul

3.30 – Kington – Fr. Simon

Tues 23 **Mass, Weob. 10.00**

Wed. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE, Mass K'ton 5.00**

Night Mass, Weobley 9.00pm.

Thur 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY Mass Weob. 11.00**

Fri. 26 **St. Stephen. NO MASS.**

Sat. 27 **Mass of Holy Family K'ton 6.00**

Sun. 28 **FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY**

SERMONETTE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A.

GAUDETE SUNDAY.

Mass, Weobley 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS

For a miracle in Ukraine to save the country for its own people.

That the peace initiative brokered by Pres. Trump for Gaza and Israel will hold.

That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have the right to decide their own future,

That our young people will be drawn away from every kind of crime and violence, and drawn to a commitment to good deeds.

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Tricia Carter, Louise Wright, Kim Williams, Frank McNally, Brian Tanswell.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Roger Kerrigan, Mike Ware..

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ernest Guillen (T,'50), Peggy Bonadies (W. 2011), Ethel Choice Hayward (F.'86), Michael Jennings (Sa.2002).

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. For Andrew Mountbatten-Winsor that he may find a new life of grace. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

ROGER KERRIGAN'S REQUIEM MASS was spectacularly full. Apart from Parish support, the local farming community turned out in force so that the church was full to bursting. What a credit to such a quiet and humble man.

THIS SAT / SUN WE WILL HAVE THE RECOMMISSIONING OF OUR MINSTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE FIRST COMMISSIONING OF PATRICIA STUART AND KEN WILLIAMS.

FIRST READING: from the prophecy of Isaiah (Ch.7, vv.10-14)

Our prophet, Isaiah, comes up against the sheer deceit and obduracy of the current king of Juda, Ahaz. He is hedging his bets between the God whom Isaiah is preaching and a host of other gods in whom he might do better to depend. So when Isaiah tells him to ask for a sign for the future of the people from the true God, Yahweh, Ahaz plays difficult for fear of offending the other gods. Isaiah's answer is the first great prophecy of the true Messiah to come, that a virgin in his own household will bear him a son by the power of Yahweh. Ahaz goes quiet.

SECOND READING: from Paul's Letter to the Romans (Ch.1. vv.1-7)

This is the very beginning of Paul's letter so it mostly consists of introductory sentences presenting himself and the focus of his preaching, that is Jesus Christ, descended from King David and believed to be the Son of God from his resurrection by the Spirit. We can gain from this the knowledge that Paul was addressing his letter to Jewish converts living in Rome. `.

GOSPEL: from the Gospel of Matthew. (Ch.1. vv.18-24)

It is generally said that Matthew's gospel of the coming of Jesus is a Jewish account whose focal figure is the man, Joseph, Jesus' foster father. By contrast, the gospel of Luke from which we have most of the memorable stories centres around Mary, the mother of Jesus the Messiah. Luke was not a naturalised Jew but a convert to the faith of the apostles. Today, the angel appears to Joseph to tell him to take Mary to be his wife. Luke's version has the angel appearing to Mary to tell her that she is to become the mother of the Lord.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

"WE BELIEVE". WEOBLEY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP. Contact Patricia Stuart: 07966 499751
Revd. Philip Harvey (C.of E) introduces the Nicene Creed on its 1700th anniversary, and its deeper meaning for our lives and for our shared beliefs. **LAST MEETING, Monday 2.30pm., December 8th.**
at Weobley Methodist Chapel, Hereford Road. PASS THE WORD.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK OVER CHRISTMAS.

START YOUR DAY WITH MILLIONS THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD WITH "PRAYER OF THE CHURCH".

RED BOXES. These have now been emptied and the money paid in: a grand total of £617,77 (before the addition of 'Gift Aid'). This is a great total. Very sincere thanks to Andy for persisting with this charity.

!FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS! \A special collection (plate) will be taken for the beauty of our churches.
Please be generous.

EPIPHANY SERVICE at Weobley Methodist church, 9.30 on Sunday January 4th. Mass at St. Thomas' 11.00

KEEP PRAYING FOR LIFE

for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill.(Local M.P.s: Ellie Chownes voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Go to work on Ellie Chownes. House of Lords vote: 33% for, 67% against.

ABORTION UP TO BIRTH.

Please email info@righttolife.org.uk to express your views on Tonia Antoniazzi M.P.'s amendment to allow abortions up to 37 weeks (i.e. birth). "Thanks" – the babies.

Or email Tonia Antoniazzi at tonia.antoniazzi.mp@parliament.uk

IMAGINE IF JESUS HAD BEEN ABORTED!