

As we continue our Advent preparations, we gather today to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Christmas, giving thanks for all that we have received, and committing ourselves to pass on the Gospel message to all we meet. Today our readings begin with the birth of Jesus being prophesied in the Old Testament: a child will be born to a young woman, and he will be called Emmanuel. From the New Testament St Paul tells us that Jesus is both a son of David and a Son of God. He is God incarnate, God made man. Finally in our Gospel, Matthew tells Joseph's side of the story and how he decides to take Mary home as his wife. The angel in his dream tells him that Mary will give birth to a son through the action of the Holy Spirit, and he will be called Emmanuel - "God is with us".

**We pray for peace** in our troubled world and an end to conflict in our families, our communities and between warring nations. We pray for those caught up in the terrorist attack in Australia this week and are thankful for the courage and quick thinking of civilians and others. Like Joseph may we choose to trust in God's plan for us, bringing Christ to all those we meet this Christmas, and in turn seeing how all those we meet bring Christ to us.

**God with us - Have your healing hand upon those who suffer and we bring before you:** Tessa, Philomena, Nicky, Nick, George, Sally, Doreen, Joy, Shirley, Chris, Margaret, Chris, Pete, Paul, Hannah and Jackie. We pray for all who have died, especially those close to us who have died this year. May they rejoice in the eternal presence of their Lord. We remember before you Jennifer Morshead who died recently praying for comfort and peace for her family and many friends. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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THANKYOU  
EVERYONE FOR YOUR  
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY  
FOR THE PROVISION OF WONDERFUL  
FOOD AND GIFTS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS  
AND FOR THE DORKING FOODBANK  
DONATED HAMPER ITEMS THIS WEEK HELPED MANY FAMILIES  
FOR SCHOOL AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES.  
BLESS YOU ALL!

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## Parish of Capel and Ockley

21st December 2025

### Fourth Sunday of Advent



#### TODAY

9.30 Holy Communion BCP Ockley

10.30 Christmas Carol Capers at Capel with Bob and the Band.

#### Wednesday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Crib Service - Capel

11pm Midnight Holy Communion - Capel (START TIME 11PM)

#### Thursday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 Christmas Day Morning Worship - Ockley

10.30 Christmas Day Family Communion - Capel

#### Sunday 28th December - First Sunday of Christmas

9.30 Parish Morning Worship - Ockley

#### Sunday 4th January 2026 - The Epiphany

9.30 Matins - Ockley

10.30 Family Communion - Capel

#### Friday 9th January 2026 - Service of Thanksgiving

3pm Service of Thanksgiving for Jennifer Morshead - Okewood Hill

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion  
with visit from Community Friday

"Look, the virgin shall conceive a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us".

Matthew 1. 23

In case of changes to events in these notes,  
the latest information can be found on:

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