



Welcome

Sunday 29th December 2024

Sunday Services for the First Sunday of Christmas

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10.30am St Nicholas Parish Holy Communion

Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday 5th January

9am St Michaels Morning Praise
10.30am All Saints Morning Praise
3pm St Nicholas Evensong

Psalm & Readings for the First Sunday of Christmas

Psalm: 148
Readings: 1 Samuel 2: verses 18-20 & 26
Colossians 3: verses 12-17
Luke 2: verses 41-52

Weekly Scripture

Every year Jesus' parents travelled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbours. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what he was talking about.

Luke 2: verses 41-50 (The Message Bible)

Prayers for the First Sunday of Christmas

Father, as Jesus showed us, even from youth, help us to seek for you through your word in our bible. Help us to find those we can learn from and ask questions of, just like a child who has no fear of asking questions because they may seem silly.

We pray for all the teachers, carers and parents with the overwhelming task of answering the questions of a child, that they may be graced with the wisdom to know how to answer the child and the patience to do so, even when the question is asked many times. Amen.

Children's prayer for the First Sunday of Christmas

Going to church

The place where we meet,
the people we greet,
the songs that we sing,
the offering we bring,
the stories we hear,
the friends we sit near,
it's all done for you.
We're glad you're there too.

Prayer from My Big Prayer Book – Maggie Barfield

Morning Prayer

Thursdays and Fridays

8.45am St Michaels Church open for private prayer.

Services for January

Sunday 5th January

9am St Michaels Morning Praise
10.30am All Saints Morning Praise
3pm St Nicholas Evensong

Sunday 12th January

9am St Michaels Holy Communion
10.30am St Nicholas Holy Communion
10.30am All Saints Morning Praise

Sunday 19th January

10.30am St Nicholas Morning Praise
10.30am All Saints Morning Praise
5pm St Michaels Prayer & Praise

Sunday 26th January

9am St Michaels Holy Communion
10.30am St Nicholas Holy Communion
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion

Please take this sheet home as a reminder of what's on and as a prompt for prayer.

Notices - For full info please see monthly sheet

- Sat 11th Jan 6pm Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Millennium Room, tickets £10
- Sat 1st Feb 10am-12pm 2025 Wedding Couple Preparation Morning, St Nicholas
- Sat 22nd Feb 10-11.30am Messy Church, St Nicholas
- Sat 26th Apr 10-11.30am Messy Church, St Nicholas
- Sat 28th Jun 10-11.30am Messy Church, St Nicholas
- Sat 30th Aug 10-11.30am Messy Church, St Nicholas
- Sat 25th Oct 10-11.30am Messy Church, St Nicholas
- Sat 29th Nov 10-11.30am Messy Church, St Nicholas

We still have plenty of tickets left for the upcoming quiz with fish & chip supper at St Michaels. If you're looking for a fun evening out with friends in January, why not come along and support us. Lovely fish & chips and the quiz is sure to be a laugh! Don't worry if you don't have a team, there's always the chance to join another group and perhaps make some new friends. For more information or to book your place please call Dilly on 01255 554241

Was Father Christmas very generous?!! We would like to collect any unwanted toiletries for the seafarers at Felixstowe. Please could we have them at St Nicholas by the end of February. We're happy to collect if more convenient. Hoping you've all had a lovely Christmas. Janet and Diane

Items for the Welcome Sheet should reach us by 8am Wednesday. Phone them in on 0776 2253132 or email them to harwich.peninsular@gmail.com

Weekly Planner

- Monday:**
 9.30-11.30am Citizens Advice closed until 6th Jan
 2-4pm Monday Club closed until 6th Jan
 7.30-9.30pm Dovercourt Choral Society closed until 6th Jan
- Tuesday:**
 2pm Knit & Natter – 1st & 3rd week Millennium Room
 2nd & 4th week Esplanade Hall
 3-4.30pm Tea & Toast Fryatt Room (term time)
 7-8.30pm The Lounge Esplanade Hall
- Wednesday:**
 11am-12pm Yoga Fryatt Room. For more info contact Kate Atkinson on 07481 404084 or katkinson108@gmail.com, closed until 15th January
 7.30pm St Nicholas Bell Ringers for more info call Janet on 01255 886189
- Thursday:**
 10am-2pm The Lounge Esplanade Hall
 9.30-11am Little Saints Toddler Group Millennium Room (term time)



Parish Website QR Code

Our churches have an induction loop. Hearing aid users should use the T setting

Getting in touch

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'Light up the Tower' to mark a special occasion,
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