

Come and Celebrate CHRISTMAS 2024



Holy Angels, Ash
and
Holy Family, Heath End

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, **“Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2: 8-12

It is a great joy to once again be drawing close to our celebration of Christmas. A celebration of the love of God made visible in Jesus.

Many of us come to the end of a year in which we have had struggles and sorrows. As so often we are aware of the places in the world where there is particular sorrow and bloodshed, and we pray for peace in Bethlehem and the whole of the Holy Land for all the people there.

Yet whatever the year has held for us the amazing mystery and joy of a God who wants to draw close to us to him can offer us hope and joy. It can transform the particular circumstances of our lives by opening up to us a different way of looking at the world.

The God who brings us peace in the shape of a small baby, and in his own life shared with us, wants to bring peace to our hearts.

The Christ who invites us to realise that in his person, entering into the manger of our hearts through the mystery of the mass, we find not only the meaning of the word Christ-mas, but also its very heart. There is a very real sense that only by coming to mass at Christ-mass can we say we actually celebrated Christmas in its fullness.

Your catholic family at Holy Angels and Holy Family warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas together around the altar, and in song, and in the words of scripture, celebrate once again the new born Christ.

Fr Robin, Deacon John and all the members of our parishes
wish you
a very Happy and Holy Christmas
and invite you to join in the celebration of our Christmas Services.



Saturday 21st December at Holy Family Church

3.00pm Carol Service

Sunday 5th January at Holy Angels Church

**5.00pm Epiphany Carol Service with English Carols and others sung in
some of the many languages represented in our congregation**

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

5.00pm First Mass of Christmas & Crib blessing (*Holy Family*)

Children are especially welcome at these masses and are invited to dress in nativity or other Christmas clothes.

10.30pm Carols and Readings precede

11.00pm Midnight Mass (*Holy Angels*)

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

9.15am Family Mass of Christmas Day (*Holy Family*)

11.00am Family Mass of Christmas Day (*Holy Angels*)



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