

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon  
THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

**Holy Communion**

**Hymns**

**521** Once in Royal David's city

**745** While Shepherd's watched their flocks by night

**266** Hark the herald angels sing

**776** *Away in a manger*

**470** O come. All ye faithful

**Collect**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*Old Testament reading – Pam*

**Isaiah 9: 2 - 7**

- <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness -  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 89.2, 19 – 27**

- <sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is  
established for ever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- <sup>19</sup> Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful  
one, and said:  
'I have set the crown on one who is mighty,  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- <sup>20</sup> I have found my servant David;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him;
- <sup>21</sup> my hand shall always remain with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.
- <sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not outwit him,  
the wicked shall not humble him.
- <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.
- <sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be  
with him;  
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.
- <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea  
and his right hand on the rivers.
- <sup>26</sup> He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"
- <sup>27</sup> I will make him the firstborn,  
the highest of the kings of the earth.

*The Gospel reading- Gemma*

**Luke 2: 1 - 20**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those  
whom he favours!'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post Communion**

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.

**Amen**