

St Anne's, Eastville

21st December 2025

4th Sunday of Advent



TODAY 10am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher : David Durston

Readings : Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-25

Hymns	Opening	480	O come, O come, Emmanuel
	Gradual	128	Come, thou long-expected Jesus
	Offertory	87	Broken for me, broken for you
	Final	137	Crown him with many crowns

5.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 3pm Crib service

A Godly Play story for families

Christmas Eve 11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10am Eucharist

suitable for children as well as adults

None of these services are on Zoom

COLLECT THIS WEEK

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer at the Lighting of the fourth Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

TODAY we pray for

- Our own church and parish, particularly those who live and work in Devon Road, Daisy Road, East Park, East Park Drive, Edward Street, Emlyn Road, and Essery Road; and for doctors, nurses, and all others who work in our community and at our health centres.
- Those who are in special need of our prayers, among them Pearl Quashie-Williams, Baldev Raj Kohli, (Sonia's father) James Maigurira, Lolita Rolle, Stefan Dean, Jonathan Munn, Margaret Sahir, (Rachel's mother) Paula Patrocinio, (a friend of David Stagg) Roger Harrison (Virginia's father), David Stagg (who joins us on Zoom), Fr Simon Clarke, Caroline and Doris.

THIS WEEK we pray for

- Please pray for the soul of Gaston Davis (father of Angela Etienne), who has recently died.
- Please pray for the souls of Redvers Parker, William Birch, Edith Bittle, William Coles, Ivy Bowden and all whose anniversaries are this week.
- the people of Gaza, Pray for continuing ceasefire and free access for all aid agencies and medical help to Gaza.
- The people of Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China: spiritual meaning and freedom from captivity to economic growth and consumerism.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Christmas services are listed on the front page

None of the usual services and prayers are happening.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

28th December ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

10am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher : David Durston

Readings : Jeremiah 31.15-17, Matthew 2.15-23

New Year's Eve 10am Eucharist

The Acting Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Revd Neil Warwick, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Emma Langley as the next Priest in Charge of St Anne's Eastville and Mission Area Lead for the East Bristol Mission Area. Bishop Neil thanks everyone involved in the discernment process. The Mission Area Lead is a new role, and will be key to the formation and development of the Mission Area which includes St Anne's Eastville, Hazelnut Community Farm, Easton Christian Family Centre, and All Hallows Easton. The Diocese is grateful to Revd Melanie Otto for her leadership of St Anne's Eastville in recent years and those who have assisted her. Let us pray for Emma as she prepares for this new ministry, and for the community of Westbury Park as they prepare for her departure.

Emma will be licensed on Monday the 23rd March at 7.30pm



If you would like to join the **St Anne's What's App group**, please message Carla 07999579019 with your name and request to join the group.

We are taking a collection for **Cancer Research UK** at the carol service. If you would like to make a donation, use the QR code or leave a donation in the collection plate.



Celebrate a simpler and greener Christmas

As Advent begins, let us turn our gaze to the true meaning of Christmas - God with us, Emmanuel. The humble birth of a child in a stable may seem distant from the way we celebrate today, but it offers a profound reminder of simplicity. This season, let's reflect on the story that we wish our actions and choices to tell. Consider A Rocha UK's blog on journeying towards a zero-waste Christmas

arocha.org.uk/journeying-towards-a-zero-waste-christmas.

May our hearts and our celebrations align with the simplicity and beauty of the Christmas story.





St Anne's Church Information

***Please keep the team updated with any news
from you or others in the congregation.***



Priest in Charge - Melanie 07535798916

Associate Priest - John 01179446153

Churchwarden - Carla 07999578018 / Val 07941394163

More info on our Facebook page "St Anne's Church"

The website has a calendar which is kept up to date

www.stanneschurchbristol.org.uk

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals
please leave a message on 0117 9514745 or email

stanneseastville@gmail.com

A church building sanctuary for everyone

You are invited to join us in the church or on Zoom

Eucharist on Wednesday and Sunday 10 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 2315 0862

Morning Prayer Zoom Meeting ID: 843 8566 9809

Evening Prayer (link in church calendar on website)

Taizé Service at 8 pm on the first Sunday of each month,
with singing practice from 7.30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 0873 9820