

Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

28th December 2025

Weekly Pew Sheet

Holy Innocents

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Psalm 124

The reading is Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side

—let Israel now say—

if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 2: 13 - 18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after the Magi had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had

been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they
are no more.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered
at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs and establish your
reign of justice and peace;
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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your humility you have stooped
to share our human life with the most
defenceless of your children:
may we who have received
these gifts of your passion
rejoice in celebrating the witness
of the Holy Innocents
to the purity of your sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer for the Week at Home

Lord, we put our trust in you,
we believe that in you justice and love
triumph.

We pray for all who are now departed from
us, that they may rejoice in life eternal, and
that we may share with them in your
everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Adapted from:

Clouds of Glory David Adam

NEXT WEEK 4th January 2026

The Epiphany

9am **Holy Communion CW**

at St Andrew's, Rillington

11am **Holy Communion BCP**

at St John's, Yedingham_

Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Matthew 2: 1 - 12