Thursday 20 January – CHORAL EVENSONG, 6:30pm

Responses                  Richard Shephard (1949-2021)
Psalms                      72 - chant by Herbert Howells (1893-1982)
First Lesson               Leviticus 11.1-8, 13-19, 41-45
Canticles in G             Francis Jackson (1917-10 January 2022)
Second Lesson              Acts 10.9-16
Anthem                     Coventry Carol – Richard Peat
Hymn                       O little town of Bethlehem -
Voluntary                  Scherzetto Pastorale – Francis Jackson
                            (1917-2022)

See over for texts of psalms and anthems
THURSDAY PSALM 72

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
2. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.
3. The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
4. He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
5. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.
6. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
8. His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other : and from the flood unto the world's end.
9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him : his enemies shall lick the dust.
10. The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents : the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
11. All kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall do him service.
12. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth : the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
13. He shall be favourable to the simple and needy : and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
14. He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong : and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
15. He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia : prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.
16. There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills : his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.
17. His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities : which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall praise him.
18. Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel : which only doeth wondrous things;
19. And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever : and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.
THURSDAY ANTHEM

words: Pageant of the Shearman and Tailors, 15thC
music: Richard Peat (b. 1979)

Refrain: Lullay, lullay
Thou little tiny child.
By-by, lullay, lullay.

1. O, sisters too
   How may we do
   For to preserve this day
   This poor youngling
   For whom we do sing
   By-by, lullay, lullay.

2. Herod the King
   In his raging
   Charged he hath this day
   His men of might
   In his own sight
   All children young to slay.

3. Then woe is me
   Poor child for thee
   And ever morn and day
   For thy parting
   Nor say nor sing
   By-by, lullay, lullay.

HYMN

RECITATIVE (choir only): Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

CHOIR ONLY 1
O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
2 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still,  
the dear Christ enters in.

3 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Friday 21 Jan  8.30am  Morning Prayer
Sun 23 Jan    6:00pm  Epiphany Carol Service
Mon 24 Jan    8.30am  Morning Prayer
Tues 25 Jan   8.30am  Morning Prayer
               6:30pm  Choral Evensong with Microsermon
Weds 26 Jan   8:30am  Morning Prayer
Thurs 27 Jan  8.30am  Morning Prayer
               6:30pm  Choral Evensong
Friday 28 Jan 8.30am  Morning Prayer
Sunday 30 Jan 6:00pm  Choral Eucharist for Candlemas
                  Preacher: Christie Gilfeather