

Sunday 9th December 2018

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Calendar:

Sunday 9th	<u>The Second Sunday of Advent</u> (<i>purple</i>)
	10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Christingles
	12 noon <i>Holy Baptism</i>
Tuesday 11th	7.30 pm Lay Conference Bible Group
Wednesday 12th	9.30 am Eucharist
	10.00 am Home Communions
	10.30 am Tots Christmas Service
	7.30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday 13th	7.30 pm Churches Together at Roscoe
Friday 14th	11.00 am Funeral in Church: R.I.P. Alfred Wilkinson
Saturday 15th	12 noon Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2 pm
Sunday 16th	<u>The Third Sunday of Advent</u> (<i>purple</i>)
	10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Children's Christmas Carnival
	12 noon Holy Baptism

Hymns:

Processional:	358	O come, O come Emmanuel
Gradual:	Advent Prose	
Offertory:	196	Hark! a herald voice is calling
Communion:	470	The advent of our King
Recessional:	307	Lo, he comes with clouds descending
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- Find us on **TWITTER** (username above); visit our **WEBSITE** for photos, information and a "Donate" button for when you feel moved to help.

Notices:

- We would very much appreciate **DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES OR YULE LOGS** over the next few weeks, to provide as refreshments following the many services we will offer over the course of the Christmas period. Do please pick up an extra packet when you are at the supermarket and bring it in to church. Many thanks.
- Please continue to place a £1 donation in the bottle at the back of church to ensure the continuation of the important work of the Community Kitchen. We are looking for **NEW VOLUNTEERS** for our Community Kitchen to help once a month or every two months – no cooking skills are required! Please see Emily Forbes if you would be willing to help in this important community resource. Also if you have any empty plastic tubs/plastic shopping carrier bags please bring them and place them in the trolley at the back of church. Thank you!
- We are **COLLECTING NEW SOCKS, GLOVES, SCARFS AND HATS** for Christmas for our clients of the Community Kitchen. Please bring donations and place in the trolley at the back of church. The Community Kitchen Christmas lunch will be on Saturday 22nd December. Thank you.
- Do please bring back your **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS** and money so they can be entered into the draw on Sunday 16th December. You've got to be in it to win it!
- We would be grateful for any **MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE CHURCH FLOWERS** over the festive period. Please give your donation to Jennie, Sue or Carrie. Many thanks.

Advent /Christmas calendar:

- Wednesday 12th December: 10.30 am - **TOTS CHRISTMAS SERVICE**, for all pre-school children
- Sunday 16th December: 10.00 am - **SUNDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**.
- Wednesday 19th December: 7.00pm - **COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE**, with readers from our local community, including Cllr Jane Dowson.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE: CRIB SERVICE** at 4.00pm and **MIDNIGHT MASS** at 11.30 pm.
- **CHRISTMAS DAY: CHRISTMAS MASS** at 10.00 am
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE: WATCH NIGHT EUCHARIST** at 11.30 pm

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

(NRSV oremus)