

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 19th November 2017

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Holy Communion

Second Sunday before Advent

205 From heaven you came

Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-end (p944)

156 Do not be afraid

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (p994)

732 The Spirit lives to set us free

(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

168 Father God I wonder

675 Spirit of the living God

849 You are the King of Glory

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Response during prayers

either:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

or:

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen



Please pray for all those on our prayer tree

If you wish to pray for a particular person or situation please add a label to the prayer tree



† **We extend a warm welcome to Rev Miles Howarth** as he leads our service this morning.

† **Interregnum Update** - Despite the advertisement, we haven't been able to nominate anyone, to the Bishop, for appointment. The post will be re advertised in the New Year. Please keep praying for the right person to find themselves called to St Lawrence's.

† **Baptism and Confirmation** – Next Sunday Eskander will be baptised during the morning service and everyone will have the opportunity to renew their baptism vows including signing with the cross using water from the River Jordan. Sunday 3rd December at Christ Church Denton 6:30pm Eskander, Sophie and Betty will be confirmed by Bishop Mark. All are welcome.

† **Fund Raising – pink envelopes** Sunday 12th November £112.45. November **Tuesday Café** £167.00. You are making a big difference to the things we can do to fund work on the fabric of our building (such as the drain pipe repairs). Thank you.

Forthcoming events in November / December

Sunday 19th November	Baptism of George and Jack	12:45pm
Monday 20th November	Funeral of Bernard Jamieson	12:30pm
Tuesday 21st November	Holy Communion ~ St Lawrence Lodge	1:30pm
Thursday 23rd November	Mow and Grow Meeting	10:00am
	Angel Glittering session (soup & sandwich lunch)	11:00am
	PCC meeting	7:30pm
Sunday 26th November	Holy Communion with Baptism of Eskander	10:45am
Monday 27th November	Deanery Synod	7:30pm
Tuesday 28th November	Knitting Group at Vera Hadfield's House	2pm till 4pm
	Wedding Rehearsal Simon and Rebecca	7:30pm
Wednesday 29th November	Holy Communion ~ Pendle House	2:00pm
Saturday 2nd December	Wedding of Simon and Rebecca	2:00pm
	Decorate Church for Christmas and Set up	3:30pm
	Experience Christmas	
Sunday 3rd December	Holy Communion Confirmation service at Christ Church Denton with Bishop Mark	10:45am 6:30pm
Wednesday 6th December	Denton Churches Together Advent Service at St Anne's Haughton	7:30pm
Thursday 7th December	Mothers Union Christmas Communion and Buffet	
Monday 4th to Saturday 9th December	Experience Christmas Monday – Friday open for schools only Saturday – general opening 10am till 3pm	
Sunday 10th December	Holy Communion Ten Service	9:30am 10:45am

† Experience Christmas 4th – 9th December.



☺ **Angel Glittering session** – Thursday 23rd November 11am.

All welcome to finish preparing the resources for our Experience Christmas Week. A soup & sandwich lunch will be available. Come and join in the 'Blue Peter' fun. You can also learn more about what will be involved helping the school children Experience Christmas

☺ **Sign up on the rota** to welcome and work with the children as they come to Experience the real reason for the Christmas season

We have 13 classes booked from 3 different schools for the Experience so please consider helping (that's about 400 children). Monday to Friday schools only with 3 sessions per day 9:30am -10:30am, 10:45am – 11:45am and 1:30pm – 2:30pm Saturday open for everyone 10am till 3pm

† **Fair Trade Advent Calendars** available £4 each – see Pam Gladwin

† **Book Stall** – is available again today. The hardback books will be available this week and next week only for any donation (no set prices), grab a bargain for a Christmas present. Christmas Wrapping paper and labels are also available, please see Pam Gladwin

Prayer for the week

Living and true God, help us to be children of light, watchful and ready, so that when encouragement or support is needed, we, your faithful, loving children are there to help. **Amen.**