

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 3rd December 2017

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Morning Prayer

Advent Sunday

535 O come, O come Emmanuel

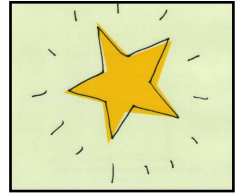
Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 (p750)

732 The Spirit lives to set us free

Reading: Mark 13:24-end (p1019)

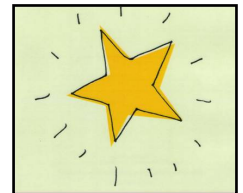
302 Here in this place *(During this hymn a collection will be taken)*

452 Longing for light



Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**



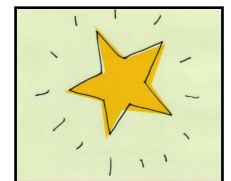
Response during prayers

either: *or:*
Lord, in your mercy Lord, hear us;
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Happy New
Year
as we begin
our Journey
following
the Star**





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



† **Confirmation** – this evening at Christ Church Denton 6:30pm
Eskandar, Sophie, Betty and Tom (from St George's) will be confirmed by Bishop Mark. All are welcome.

† **Invitations to our Advent and Christmas Services and Events are available today** – please pass them onto your family, friends, neighbours etc.



† **Fund Raising – pink envelopes** Sunday 26th

November £140.07. You are making a big difference to the things we can do to fund work on the fabric of our building (such as investigating the repairs to the North Transept floor). Thank you.

† **Youth Drop-In Centre** – Pauline, Sandra and Jacqui are continuing their passionate ministry to the local youth. Good news from Aviva funding – although we are not finalists in their funding campaign they have donated £100 to us as a thank you for this local initiative.



The Drop-In will begin on January 10th 2018.
Want to know more, volunteer to help, donate games etc please speak with Pauline, Sandra or Jacqui

Please take this notice sheet home to help your daily prayer and to remind you of all the events and services

Forthcoming events in November / December

Today	Confirmation service at Christ Church Denton with Bishop Mark	6:30pm
Monday 4th to Saturday 9th December	Experience Christmas Monday – Friday open for schools only Saturday – general opening 10am till 3pm	
Wednesday 6th December	Denton Churches Together Advent Service at St Anne's Haughton	7:30pm
Thursday 7th December	Mothers Union Christmas Communion and Buffet	7:00pm
Sunday 10th December	Holy Communion Toy Service	9:30am 10:45am
Monday 11th December	Towns Women's Guild Christmas Service <i>Volunteer Key Holder and Sound Operator</i>	7:30pm
Tuesday 12th December	Second Tuesday Café with Christmas Themed Lunch, Short service at noon and Christmas Entertainment (1:30pm - 3pm followed by coffee and mince pie)	10:00am till 4:00pm
Sunday 17th December	Nativity Service Carol Service – Joint with the Mission Partnership Churches	10:45am 6:30pm
Monday 18th December	Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms	7:00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Greswell Christmas Service Holy Communion ~ St Lawrence Lodge Greswell Christmas Service	9:45am 1:30pm 6:30pm
Wednesday 20th December	Greswell Christmas Service Greswell Christmas Service	9:45am 6:30pm
Thursday 21st December	Mid Week Morning Prayer	9:00am
Saturday 23rd December	Making Christingles	10:00am
Christmas Eve	Holy Communion Christingle Service First Communion of Christmas	10:45am 4:30pm 9:30pm

† Experience Christmas 4th – 9th December.



☺ **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

† **Toy Service** – Sunday 10th December Donations would be gratefully received

☺ toys (unwrapped), wrapping paper, and sellotape – all will be sent to Denton Looked After Children's Centre

☺ food, toiletries and clothing for The Wellspring

† **December** is a very busy month as we follow the star and prepare for the Coming of Jesus. Let us find time to wait in peace and quiet and as we light the Advent Candle pray for hope, peace, joy and love

Prayer for Advent

In the strength of God the maker we are going on a journey.

In the friendship of Jesus we are going on a journey.

In the safeguarding of the Holy Spirit we are going on a journey.

A star is shining.

Angels are busy.

Mary is pregnant.

Joseph is packing.

Advent is coming.

It's time to go.

May God bless us with hope and wonder as we travel. Amen

