

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 10th December 2017

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Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday of Advent

500 Make Way, Make Way

222 Gloria

388 Jesus is the name we honour

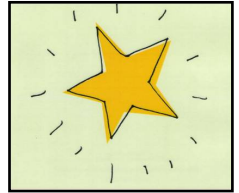
Reading : Mark 1:1-8 (p1002)

397 Jesus put this song into our hearts

(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

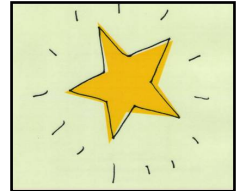
451 Long ago, prophets knew

255 National Anthem



Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**



Response during prayers

either:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

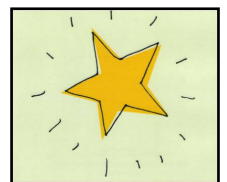
or:

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord



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



† **Fund Raising – pink envelopes** Sunday 3rd December £111.00. 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.



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

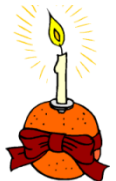


😊 **Christmas Cards** – please consider sending a single card to church and making a donation to the Christian Aid appeal Enough for Everyone

😊 **Carol Singing – Saturday 16th December** at Crown Point North with Denton Churches Together. Come and have a good rousing sing and share the true meaning of Christmas with the local shoppers. Meet near Costa Coffee at 12 noon



😊 **Making Christingles** – Saturday 23rd December. Everyone (any age) is invited to come along at 10am and help to prepare our Christingles for the Christmas Eve afternoon service at 4:30 pm.



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

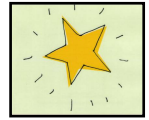
Forthcoming events in December

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 pies)	10:00am till 4:00pm
Saturday 16th December	Carol Singing at Crown Point North with Denton Churches Together	12noon
Sunday 17th December	Nativity Service – Follow the Star Carol Service – Joint with the Mission Partnership Churches	10:45am 6:30pm
Monday 18th December	Greswell School rehearsals Funeral of Keith Ogden Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms	9:30am 12:30pm 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 Holy Communion ~ Pendle House Greswell Christmas Service	9:45am 2:00pm 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
Christmas Day	Family Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion	10:15am
Sunday 31st December	Holy Communion – Joint Mission Partnership Service	10:30am

† Experience Christmas 4th – 9th December.

A **HUGE thank you** to all who came and helped the school children experience the joy and love of Christmas.

We have had an amazing week and we too have been reminded of the reason for the season



† **Fair Trade Advent Calendars** available £4 each, its never too late to start the Christmas Countdown

† **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

