

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 17th December 2017

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Nativity and Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of Advent

447 Little Donkey
650 See him lying on a bed of straw
81 Mary's Child

Reading: Luke 2:6-14 (p1027)

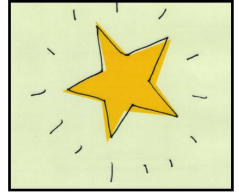
233 Go tell it on the mountain

It was on a starry night (*words on notice sheet*)

205 From heaven you came

59 Away in a manger

734 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy



Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

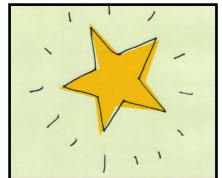
Response during prayers

either:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or:

Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.



Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and forever.

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 10th December £79.70. 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.



☺ **Carol Singing** –Tonight **Sunday 17th 6:30 pm** at **St Lawrence's Audenshaw and Denton Mission Partnership Carol Service**, traditional nine lessons and carols with coffee and mince pies afterwards.



Monday 18th December Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms at 7pm.

☺ **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 4:30pm.

☺ **Huge thanks** and grateful appreciation from the Denton Childrens Centre and The Wellspring for our gifts at the Toy Service last week and for blankets from our knitting flock. Thank you for your amazing generosity.

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

Sunday 17th December	Carol Service – Joint with the Mission Partnership Churches	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

† **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

Star Prayer

Be, Lord Jesus, a bright flame before me,
a guiding **star** above me, a smooth path
below me, a kindly shepherd behind me:
today, tonight, and forever. Amen



Follow the Star

Carol

- 1 It was on a starry night when the hills were bright
earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still;
then in a cattle shed, in a manger bed,
a boy was born, King of all the world.

*And all the angels sang for him,
the bells of heaven rang for him;
for a boy was born, King of all the world.
And all the angels sang for him,
the bells of heaven rang for him;
for a boy was born, King of all the world.*

- 2 Soon the shepherds came that way, where the baby lay,
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side,
And their hearts believed once more, for the peace of all;
For a boy was born, King of all the world.

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