

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 31st December 2017

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Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas

7 While shepherds watched

Reading: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 (p748)

Christ Church and St George's choice of carol

Reading: Luke 2:15-21 (p1028)

St Stephen's choice of carol (*During this hymn a collection will be taken*)

Carols will play during Communion

St Anne's choice of carol



Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Response during prayers

either:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

or:

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
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



† **A very warm welcome to our Audenshaw and Denton Mission Partnership brothers and sisters in Christ**

† **December** has been a very busy month as we followed the star and prepared for the Coming of Jesus. Let us find time to wait in peace and quiet and pray for hope, peace, joy and love in the New Year.

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting our many events,

- for preparing and staffing the church
- for making refreshments including our famous cakes
- for preparing flowers
- for cleaning the grounds
- for leading prayers, singing, reading, performing in the nativity
- for visiting the church
- for putting Christ at the centre of your celebrations
- for coming to meet the one who came for us

† **Fund Raising – pink envelopes** Sunday 24th December £172.15

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.

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

Forthcoming events in January

Thursday 4th January	Holy Communion Funeral of Helen Parker	9:00am 10:00am
Sunday 7th January	Holy Communion with Bishop Mark	10:45am
Tuesday 9th January	Second Tuesday Open Day and café Short service at 12 noon	10:00am till 4:00pm
Wednesday 10th January	Launch of Youth Drop In Centre	6:30pm till 8:30pm
Sunday 14th January	Holy Communion Family and Parade Service	9:30am 10:45am
Wednesday 17th January	Deanery Safeguarding Meeting ~ St John's Hurst	7:00pm
Thursday 18th January	Morning Prayer MOW and Grow Meeting Denton Churches Together Meeting ~ Christ Church Denton	9:00am 10:00am 7:30pm
Sunday 21st January	Holy Communion with Archdeacon Cherry Christ Unity Service ~ Denton Methodist	10:45am 3:00pm
Tuesday 23rd January	PCC Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday 25th January	First Aid Training – 12 places available	7:00pm
Sunday 28th January	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	9:30am 10:45am



**CALLING ALL
YOUTH**

Youth Drop-In Centre launches on Wednesday January 10th 2018

6:30pm till 8:30pm for young people
aged 11- 15 in the Parish Hall.

Free hot drinks and toast.

Please speak with Pauline Blinston, Jacqui
Corless or Sandra Lomax to learn more
and offer help

Year End Prayer

At the end of the year we remember:

the places we have seen – we place them in God’s hands;

the challenges we have faced – we place them in God’s hands;

the people we have been – we place them in God’s hands.

Lord of every year, help us to build on the past, and to journey with you
into the future, confident in your strength alone. Amen



**Wishing everyone a Joyous
and Peaceful New Year
May the light of Christ shine
in our lives for everyone to see**

