

St Lawrence's Church

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Notices for the week starting 8th January 2012

Today	Taking down Christmas decorations	After the service
Tuesday	Holy Communion ~ St Lawrence Lodge Denton Churches Together meeting at St Mary's Presbytery Market Street	2:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday	Emmaus Course ~ Rectory	7:30 pm
Next Sunday 17th January	Holy Communion	10:45 am

- ☺ Last week there was **£89** in the **Pink Envelopes** for the renovation fund. In addition the **wool sale** raised **£55**. Many thanks for this.
- ☺ Reminder from Ann Marsh - Please bring your **Childrens' Society collecting boxes** in to be emptied.

A New Year and new opportunities to explore our Christian Faith.

The next Emmaus course begins on **Thursday January 12th**.

The series of five sessions will focus on

The Return of the Prodigal Son

Why not come along and explore what this means for us as individuals and for our church family.



Sessions are on Thursday evenings at the Rectory 131 Town Lane

12th January
19th January
2nd February
9th February
16th February

Family Service

Epiphany

583 O worship the Lord

Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (page 1174)

650 See him lying on a bed of straw

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (page 966)

812 What child is this

805 We three kings (*During this hymn a collection will be taken*)



Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions Response

Light of Christ
shine in our lives

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 17th	Worship Committee ~ Rectory	7:30 pm
Wednesday 18th	Linden Road School Assembly	9:00 am
	Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee ~ St Mary's Houghton Green	7:30 pm
Thursday 19th	Emmaus Course ~ Rectory	7:30 pm
Monday 23rd	Greswell School Assembly	9:00 am
Tuesday 24th	Holy Communion ~ Pendle House	2:00 pm
	Fabric Committee Meeting ~ Church	7:30 pm
Thursday 26th	PCC Meeting	7:30 pm
March 4th	Tameside Diamond Jubilee Service of Celebration at St Michael and All Angels Ashton	3:00 pm

- ☺ **Good News** - The collapsed path near the North Porch has been repaired.
- ☺ **PCC Meeting 26th January** – our responses to the OLM questions will be presented to Rev Jayne Prestwood and others for consideration to accredit our Parish for an Ordained Local Minister role.
- ☺ **Thank You Letter** – from the Denton Childrens Centre, for the Toys we donated to them, is in the Baptistery
- ☺ **Grants** – we have 3 grant applications that are being considered by various committees during January. Please pray for a positive outcome to assist the funding of the stained glass window repairs and the re-ordering project.

➤ **We need to focus on the 2012 re-ordering project.**

There are a number of decisions to be made shortly by all of us. Please pray about this project, thinking especially about how we can involve our community and show the love of God in our outreach.

**Follow the instructions from Paul in his letter to the
Colossians 4: 2, 5-6**

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Begin to think about

Psalm 127:1

**Unless the LORD builds the house, the
builders labour in vain.**



Please read this Psalm for yourselves as it will be explored in depth over the coming weeks as we make some wise decisions