

St Lawrence's Church  
Notices for the week starting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

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Speak to God during the service, Speak to others after the service

Holy Communion  
Advent Sunday

452 Longing for light

Reading: Jeremiah 33.14–16

302 Here in this place

Reading: Luke 21.25–36

A star, a stable and me

61 Be still and know

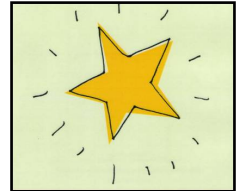
535 O come, O come Emmanuel

500 Make Way, Make Way



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:* Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer**

*or:* Lord, hear us;

**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**





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 25<sup>th</sup> November £78.25.

Thank you for your generosity making it easier to maintain and repair our amazing building for God's work.

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



† **Denton Churches Together**

- **Advent Service** at Hope URC 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Please come along and share this time of waiting with our fellow Denton churches.
- **Carol Singing** Crown Point North (T K Maxx) Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11am till 1pm. Also free present wrapping (please bring wrapping paper sellotape and scissors)

† **Toy Service** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Donations would be gratefully received

- ☺ New toys (unwrapped), wrapping paper, and sellotape – all will be sent to Denton Looked After Children's Centre
- ☺ food, toiletries and clothing for The Wellspring

† **Christmas Cards** – please consider sending a single card to church and making a donation to the Embrace appeal Seeking Peace for all

† **Stamps** – Please bring in your used stamps with a small margin of paper around it for the RNIB and Embrace Blind School appeals

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

## Forthcoming events in November / December

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Assemblies at Greswell School	10:00am
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Denton Churches Together Advent Service ~ Hope URC	7:30pm
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mid Week Holy Communion Mothers Union Christmas Communion and buffet	9:00am 7:00pm
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Singing and Present wrapping at Crown Point North with Denton Churches Together	11:00am - 1:00pm
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Holy Communion Family Service with collection of Toys for the Linden Centre and Goods for Wellspring	9:30am 10:45am
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Women's Club Christmas Service	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Second Tuesday Open Café refreshments, Worship 12 noon, Christmas entertainment in the afternoon Wear a Christmas Jumper!!	10:00am - 4:00pm
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Holy Communion Carol Singing at St Lawrence's Lodge Carol Service in Church	10:45am 1:30pm 6:30pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms All musicians welcome to accompany singing	7:00pm – 9:00pm
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Greswell School Christingle Services Y5 and Y6 morning and evening	9:30am 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Holy Communion at Care Homes and for individuals (please let Jules / Sheila know of anyone wishing to receive Christmas Communion at home)	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Greswell School Christingle Services Y3 and Y4 morning and evening	9:30am 5:30pm
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Nativity Service Making of Christingles	10:45am 12:30pm

<b>Monday 24th December</b>	Christingle Service First Communion of Christmas	4:30pm 9:30pm
<b>Tuesday 25th December</b>	Family Celebration & Communion Service	10:15am
<b>Sunday 30th December</b>	Joint Service of Holy Communion ~ St Anne's Haughton	<b>10:30am</b>

† **Rotas! - a favourite topic.** We are at that point in the year when new rotas will be prepared for :-

- ☞ Reading Scripture and / or Leading Intercessions (see Beryl Brown)
  - ☞ Church Cleaning and / or Preparing and operating the sound system (see Church Wardens)
  - ☞ Serving refreshments after Sunday Services (see Linda Chapman).
- Please pray about these voluntary opportunities and speak with the person indicated to volunteer your gifts and talents.

† **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 the week

We pray for families around the world  
 For Church families, For broken families  
 For our own families, For those with no family  
 That Advent will be a time of preparation and thought,  
 That we will follow the star \* \* \* \* \*  
 \* \* \* \* \* and find Jesus at the heart of our family,  
 Uniting and forgiving each other and looking forward with hope  
 showing true love for one another. **Amen.**