

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 9th December 2018

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

Family and Parade Service

2nd Sunday of Advent

388 Jesus is the name we honour

222 Gloria

Reading: Philippians 1.3–11 (p)

613 Peace is flowing like a river

Reading: Luke 3:1-6 (p)

A star, a stable and me

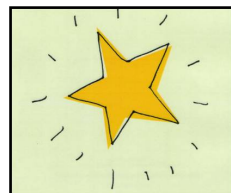
397 Jesus put this song into our hearts

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 and Refreshments Sunday 2nd December £99.90. 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.

† **Carol Singing Opportunities**

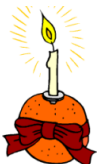
- **St Lawrence's Lodge 16th December 1:30pm** Lunch of soup and a roll is available before hand in church (please give names to Linda Chapman) and coffee and mince pies afterwards courtesy of the care home. Please come along and share the joy of the season with our friends at St Lawrence's Lodge.
- **Carol Service 16th December 6:30pm** - There are a number of Bible readings needed for the Carol Service next Sunday. If you would like to take part, please speak to Beryl Brown.
- **Denton Churches Together Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms Monday 17th December 7:00pm till 9:00pm.** All musicians welcome to accompany singing. Please come along and share this time of celebration with our fellow Denton churches.



† **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

† **Making Christingles** – Sunday 23rd December. Everyone (any age) is invited to come along after the morning service to help prepare our Christingles for the Christmas Eve afternoon service at 4:30pm.



Forthcoming events in December

Monday 10th December	Women's Club Christmas Service	7:30pm
Tuesday 11th December	Second Tuesday Open Café refreshments, Worship 12 noon, Christmas entertainment in the afternoon Wear a Christmas Jumper!!	10:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday 13th December	Funeral of Sylvia Simmons	10:30am
Sunday 16th December	Holy Communion Carol Singing at St Lawrence's Lodge Carol Service in Church	10:45am 1:30pm 6:30pm
Monday 17th December	Greswell School rehearsal Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms All musicians welcome to accompany singing	TBA 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Tuesday 18th December	Greswell School Christingle Services Y5 and Y6 morning and evening	9:30am 5:30pm
Wednesday 19th December	Holy Communion at Care Homes and for individuals (please let Jules / Sheila know of anyone wishing to receive Christmas Communion at home)	TBA
Thursday 20th December	Greswell School Christingle Services Y3 and Y4 morning and evening	9:30am 5:30pm
Sunday 23rd December	Nativity Service Making of Christingles	10:45am 12:30pm
Monday 24th December	Christingle Service First Communion of Christmas	4:30pm 9:30pm
Tuesday 25th December	Family Celebration & Communion Service	10:15am
Sunday 30th December	Joint Service of Holy Communion ~ St Anne's Haughton	10:30am

† **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 Advent

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.**

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