

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 16th December 2018

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

Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Advent

777 To God be the Glory
Reading: Isaiah 12:2-end (p697)
61 Be still and know that I am God
Reading: Luke 3:7–18 (p1029)
409 Joy to the world
811 What a friend we have in Jesus
388 Jesus is the name we honour
535 O come, O come Emmanuel



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 for ever. **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 9th December £95.30. Thank you for your generosity making it easier to maintain and repair our amazing building for God’s work.

† **Huge thanks** and grateful appreciation from the Denton Children’s Centre for our gifts at the Toy Service last week and The Wellspring for food and toiletries along with blankets from our knitting flock. Thank you for your amazing generosity.



† **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 TODAY**
- **Carol Service 16th December 6:30pm - TODAY**
- **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.

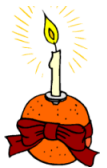
† **Stamps** – Please bring in your used stamps with a small margin of paper around it for the RNIB and Embrace Blind School appeals.

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

Forthcoming events in December

Today	Carol Singing at St Lawrence's Lodge Carol Service in Church	1:30pm 6:30pm
Monday 17th December	Greswell School rehearsal Beer and Carols at the Lowes Arms All musicians welcome to accompany singing	9:30am 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

† 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.



† Children's Society Boxes – Anne Marsh asks for Children's Society collecting boxes to be brought in to Church for emptying. Many thanks to all who collect for the Society in this way.

† Events at our Mission Partnership Churches

- ☞ 16th December 3:00pm Christingle at Christ Church Denton.
- ☞ 18th December 11:00am Carol singing at Thorncliffe Care Home
`New singers welcome` with Christ Church Denton.
- ☞ 23rd December Nativity at St Georges Dane Bank followed by toddlers Christmas party.
- ☞ 24th December at 7:30pm Holy Communion at St Anne's Haughton
- ☞ 24th December at 11:30pm Midnight Mass at Christ Church.
- ☞ 25th December Christmas Day 09:30am St Georges Dane Bank
- ☞ 25th December Christmas Day 10:30am at St Anne's Haughton



† **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.**

