

THE PARISH OF ST MATTHEW
LITTLE LEVER
CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD
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SUNDAY 9th December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY WORSHIP TODAY

8.00 am Mass (Said with a short Homily)

10.00 am Parish Sung Mass.

Sunday Club meets at 10.00am in Church House and comes into church at the Offertory.

During the last hymn of the Mass there is a Copper Collection. Proceeds from this go to various charities nominated by the congregation.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Lighting the Advent Candle

Before the Candle is lit the priest says;

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

R/ Blessed be God for ever!

Prophet voices loudly crying,
Making pathways clear;
Glimpsing glory, self denying,
Calling all to hear.

Through their message – challenged, shaken – Hearts awaken: God is near!

TODAY'S LITURGY –

The Scriptures

1st reading – In this reading the prophet announces a message of hope. God is giving his people new dignity.

2nd reading – In this reading St Paul instructs us to actively prepare for the Lord's coming and to cooperate with him to create a loving world.

HYMNS AT 10.00 am

575 CS Music 268 72 133

Readers at 10.00 am

1st Josie Branche 2nd Mavis Schofield
Int Linda Barton R/ Helen Cowley

Eucharistic Ministers at 10.00 am

Pat & Lynn Linda & Doreen

Sidespersons on duty today

David Kelly Liz Kelly

Sidespersons on duty next week

Margaret Barnard Margaret Eccles

TODAY:-

Tea/Coffee and a chat in Church House after the 10.00 am Parish Mass – all welcome!

11.30 am Interment of Ashes – Elaine Williams

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We aim, under God, to be an open and welcoming community seeking to serve God through worship and witness. We are committed to mission and constantly seek new ways of proclaiming the Gospel to those around us.

MASS IS CELEBRATED DAILY IN OUR PARISH AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES

Mon 10th 7.30 pm

Tues 11th 9.30 am
Wed 12th 9.15 am
Thurs 13th 7.30 pm – St Lucy
Fri 14th 5.00 pm – St John of the Cross
Sat 15th 6.00 pm

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR QUIET THOUGHTS, PRAYER OR REFLECTION Every Thursday Morning from 9.00 am till 11.00 am.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM

Monday: Look, our God is coming to save us.

Tuesday: Here is our God coming with power.

Wednesday: My soul give thanks to the Lord.

Thursday: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Friday: The just man's mouth utters wisdom.

Saturday: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Sunday For our parish's continued growth

Monday For World Peace

Tuesday For an end to third world poverty.

Wednesday For an understanding of the real meaning of Christmas

Thursday For all with long term illness

Friday For all who are dreading the 'Festive season'.

Saturday For Walsingham

For your prayers this week:

People who are sick: Joan Fowles.

David Fowles, David Seed, David Ashworth, Ken Helsby, Peter Entwistle, Vera Holt, Lorna Holloway, Martin Wild, Margaret Hall, William Gill, Joan Street, Peter Farthing, June Swingwood, Anya Grace Robbie-Ottley, Adrian Charles, Cathy Nurse, Ian Farrell, Dale Clegg, Gemma Epstein, Steve Lowe, Albert Yates, May Brocklehurst, Linda Boardman, Loraine Ogden, Luna Grace Cotton, Carol Schooling.

Those who have died: Bev Holt, Paul Booth, Elaine Williams

Anniversaries: Norman Schofield, Jack Harrison, Dennis Wilson, John Cooper, Elisabeth Hodgkinson, Les Findon, Alice Tatlock,

SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in Loving Memory of **Norbury Settle** and **Norman Schofield**.

HOW DO I BOOK A CHRISTENING OR WEDDING? To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Banns of Marriage please call at the Vicarage on a Tuesday evening between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Advent

1st – Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18

Psalm – Isaiah 12: 2 - 6

2nd – Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel – Luke 3: 10 - 18

THIS WEEK: -

Tuesday – 9.00 am – 11.00 am – Coffee Shop – Church House
7.30 pm – Messy Church Planning Meeting – Choir Vestry

Thursday – 2.00 pm – Craft Club - 36 Meadow Close
– 8.00 pm Mothers' Union Christmas Party – Church House

Friday – 12 noon – Lunch Club – Church House
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm – Christmas Bingo – Church House

LUNCHEON CLUB – Open to everyone will be on the following Fridays from 12noon - 2.00 pm in Church House.

14th December, 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July.

MESSY CHURCH NEXT YEAR

will be on Saturday 26th January and Saturday 11th May from 3.00 pm till 5.00pm.

The next planning meeting is on Tuesday 11th Dec – 7.30 pm – Choir Vestry.

CRAFT CLUB are having a stall in Church House TODAY with fine crafted items for sale.

BIBLE STUDY Meets in the Vicarage at 7.30pm on:-
Wednesday 6th February 2019
Tuesday 5th March

BOLTON HOMELESS BAG DROP 2018

Mark has had a tremendous response to this appeal and has a big car boot full of goods ready for distribution to homeless people. Very many thanks to all who have contributed, well done! Here's what Dave Thornton, the person who is co-ordinating this project wrote:-

We have made up the first 25 bags for today: With your help each bag is crammed with: toiletries, snacks, jumper or scarf or pair of trainers, warm hats, socks & gloves and £10 cash.

I nipped out with a couple of the team after lunch and we gave 8 bags away in about 3 minutes!! They are incredibly appreciative, and we even had a 'woo-hoo, yesss!' from one chap - so that must have arrived just at the right time.

Thanks again, Dave Thornton

A BIG THANK YOU to Dennis for the Afternoon Tea Dance on Friday – it raised £50 for Church Funds. Next one Friday 4th January 2019

DINNER DANCE 2019

SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY A 4 Course Dinner and Dance has been arranged for early next year at Little Lever Cricket Club. Tickets ARE NOW ON SALE and cost only £30. Many thanks, Pat Hallows.

CHRISTMAS 2018

Monday 24th Dec
6.00 pm SERVICE AT THE CRIB
11.45 pm SUNG MASS OF CHRISTMAS AND BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Tuesday 25th Dec
CHRISTMAS DAY
8.00 am Mass at Dawn

10.00 am Parish Mass

Wednesday 26th Dec
St Stephen
- 9.15 am Mass

Thursday 27th Dec
St John
- 7.30 pm Mass

Friday 28th Dec
Holy Innocents
- 5.00 pm Mass

Saturday 29th Dec
St Thomas Becket
- 6.00 pm Mass

Sunday 27th Dec
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 8.00 am Mass
- 10.00 am Parish Mass

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS

Last year we joined in with this initiative organised by Urban Outreach and your response was magnificent. It meant such a lot to people who would have really struggled to enjoy a good Christmas dinner for all sorts of reasons. The P C C have decided to back the project again and so we are appealing this year for – We've got all the Shloer now – thank you
11 Christmas Puddings (non- alcoholic if possible)
19 Custard Cartons (500 g)
19 Boxes of Chocolate Mints (200g)
1 Box of 6 Mince Pies (Check Best Before Date)
We've got all of the Crisps – thank you.
Very many thanks.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Donations for Flowers for Christmas will be greatly appreciated. Please give Flower money for Christmas Flowers to Jennifer Jennings, Josie Branche or Ann Quigley. Thank you.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

will be in Church on Sunday 16th December at 6.30 pm. It will feature many of the popular carols, items by our Church Choir, the Haugh Choir, the Booth Music Choir and other artists. There will also be light refreshments.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD TREE is now available together with the book to write down your greeting.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr John Wiseman – 700936
Canon Ian Anthony – 791437
Fr Stuart Haworth – 384006

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