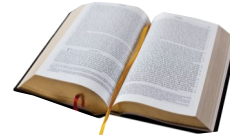


## This week's service

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## This week's reading

Welcome to today's  
Holy Communion Service  
with Rev Mike Firbank preaching



John 1

## A thought from Mike

John 1 could easily be said to be foundational to all we believe in and trust in - but what does it all really mean for us, especially at this extraordinary time of year? Whose light? Whose darkness?

'Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.'

(John 1:3-5)

## Friends

A one-off request please. I've been asked if we can at all help with local families and the cost of winter shoes. As you can imagine shoes are often the most expensive part of uniform and good shoes are essential. Local schools are putting any surplus funding towards supporting vulnerable families, but it isn't enough to help them all.

If you feel you would like to help, then please put a donation in an envelope marked 'for school shoes' and give it to me or put it through the vicarage letter box.

Thanks, Mike Firbank

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## Verses for Advent

### Old Testament Prophecies of Jesus' coming

Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6 Hosea 11:1 Micah 5:2

### Stories of Jesus' First Coming

Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:1-12

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66

*(These are all about the messenger who will prepare the way for Jesus)*

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55 Luke 2:1-7, 8-24, 25-35, 36-38

### Jesus' Second Coming

Luke 12:35-40 Matthew 19:8-30 Mark 13:24-27

Luke 12:35-40 John 14:1-3

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2 Peter 3:10-13 Revelation 1:7,8

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
at Church Gresley Methodist Church,  
York Road

## The Leaside Singers

invite you to a

## Christmas Miscellany

a FREE evening of festive music and fun  
Including:

Christmas musical items from the choir

A Festive Quiz with a lavish(ish) prize

Tea and Coffee, Mince Pies and Cake!

All this is FREE although donations will be gratefully appreciated

All welcome!

## Church diary for the next month

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:45 Morning Worship

led by Nigel Worth  
with Debbie Patrick preaching

### Wed 14<sup>th</sup> and Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December 09:30 Little Sparks Christmas Parties in the church

### Thu 15<sup>th</sup> December 1pm Experience Christmas with Hartshorne Primary School

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Carol Service with Rev Mike Firbank and Rev Sam Mackie

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm Midnight Communion Joint service with Gresley at St Peter's, Hartshorne with Rev Mike Firbank and Rev Sam Mackie

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Christmas Day Joint outdoor service at Gresley Church with Rev Mike Firbank and Rev Sam Mackie

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10:45 Joint New Year's Day Service at Hartshorne with Rev Mike Firbank and Rev Sam Mackie

## Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

**The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra**



11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deb P & Alicia
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jane
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bill
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Brian Redfern
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Val & Andy
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Nige & Deb
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christine

## Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one other after the service.

We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date. Please bring the milk.

Thank you

4th Dec	Maxine & Jane
11th Dec	Deb W
18th Dec	Carol
1st Jan	James
8th Jan	Maxine & Jane
15th Jan	Val
22nd Jan	Deb W

## Mince pies for Carol Service

If you could buy a box of mince pies for our Carol Service that would be great. Please bring them to church by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December so that we can make sure we have enough to serve at the carol service the following week. Thank you.



## New PCC member needed

Would you like to become more involved in how our church is run?

The PCC meets every other month from 7 - 9pm on a Wednesday evening.

We discuss topics such as the church building, finance, mission and resources and make decisions by approving proposals.

Would you prayerfully consider whether this is something that God is calling you to become involved in.

For more information please speak to Nigel.



## Help needed!

Now that winter is coming we need to be prepared for possible bad weather.

We would like to recruit a group of volunteers willing to help clear snow from the drive before a Sunday service if necessary.

- Do you live within walking distance of church?  
OR
- Do you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle and can safely drive to church in the snow?

Please have a word with Nigel to find out more.

