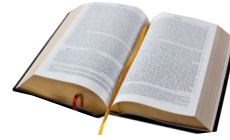


## This week's service

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## This week's reading

Welcome to today's service which is led by Nigel Worth with Debbie Patrick preaching



Isaiah 35:1-10  
Matthew 11:2-19

## A thought from Debbie

We know that Advent is a reminder that our whole lives are in a strange place of waiting..

Christ **has** come – Christ **will** come again!

John the Baptist gives us a wonderful example of how to wait well. How to live in the moment as well as keeping an eye on the future.

As we wait with bated breath to celebrate the birth of our saviour, let us consider how we can bring others in. As John the Baptist did, making the most of the time spent in waiting.

The Kingdom of God is here... Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come.

## YMCA Christmas Shoeboxes

A few weeks ago I took my knitting along to our Friday morning house group. I was knitting a scarf to include in a shoe box of useful Christmas gifts for a homeless person. Burton Golf Club were supporting the YMCA homeless shoe boxes appeal as in previous years.

We decided to make up as many of these shoe boxes as we could as a group effort. So everyone contributed something - empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper, toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, tissues, chocolates (or money so we could purchase additional items).

Last week at our Friday meeting we assembled and wrapped the shoe boxes, labelling each one "male" or "female".

It was a real blessing to work together in such a way. We have made up **THIRTEEN** shoeboxes. Thank you everyone! Jane



## Church diary for the next month

**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 at 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

## 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**



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
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Deb P & Alicia

# CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

4pm NEXT SUNDAY

## 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.

## 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.



## 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

11th Dec	Deb W
18th Dec	Carol
1st Jan	James
8th Jan	Maxine & Jane
15th Jan	Val
22nd Jan	Deb W
5th Feb	James