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This week's service

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

This week's reading

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





Matthew 24:36-44

## A thought from Nigel

Happy New Year!

Today is Advent Sunday, the new year in the Church's calendar, it's the beginning of the Church year.

Advent isn't Christmas, and nor is Advent about preparing for Christmas.

Advent is a time of waiting, a time of preparation for celebrating the coming of God into this world in human form in the person of Jesus his Son.

### Prayer for the week

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



# Weekly Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7-8pm

We meet each week at Nige and Deb's home, 3 Sharpswood Manor.

Not everyone who comes prays aloud, so don't be nervous about that. The important thing is to be part of it.



## Recycling stamps for Alzheimer's Society

A reminder from Gwen:
Don't forget to save
your used postage
stamps –especially any
Christmas ones. There's
a box on the table at
the back of church to
put your stamps in.

Thank you

Church diary for the next month

Thursday 7th December 7pm Prayer meeting at 3 Sharpswood Manor

Friday 8th December
1.30pm Experience Christmas
with Hartshorne Primary School

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10:45 Morning Worship led by Sean O'Toole Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Sunday Night Live

Sunday 17th December 4pm Carol Service with Rev Mike Firbank



Sunday 24th December 11.30pm Joint Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service with Rev Mike Firbank

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Christmas Day Family Service

with Sean and Sandra O'Toole



Sunday 31st December 10am Joint Minster Service at Gresley



Come to the Delph and bring your best singing voice as we enjoy our annual...





Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of December 11am to 1pm

Gresley Colliery
Brass Band with
Churches
Together 'Scratch'
Choir

#### 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

10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christine
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deb P
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jane
31st Dec	Bill
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Brian Redfern
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Val & Andy
21st Jan	Nige & Deb

## RefreshmentsRota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another 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.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christine
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deb W & Alicia
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	James
31st Dec	Maxine & Jane
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christine
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Deb W & Alicia
21st Jan	Carol

Thank you

Wednesday 6<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 \* Raffle

Tea and Coffee, Mince Pies and Cake!
All this is FREE although donations will be gratefully
Appreciated. All welcome!

#### Answers to Christmas Quiz from 2 weeks ago

- 1. Herb (4) Agents (5) MINCE PIES
- 2. Type of thrush (6) Found on foot (3) MISTLETOE
- 3. Metal (3) Opposite of buy (4) TINSEL
- 4. Dog (5) Appointments (5) BOX OF DATES
- 5. American fruit (9) Origin (6) CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 6. Tally (3) Airhole (4) ADVENT
- 7. False (4) Ache (4) CHAMPAGNE
- 8. Middle (6) Talons (5) SANTA CLAUS
- 9. One inch of a foot (7) Chess piece (6) TWELFTH NIGHT
- 10. Old jokes (8) Taxidermy (9) CHESTNUT STUFFING