



This week's service

Sunday 27th November 2022

Welcome to today's Advent Sunday Service
with Sandra O'Toole preaching



A thought from Sandra

Fast or Feast?

So Advent is finally here, it's time, if we haven't done so already, to 'deck the halls with boughs of holly' and make all our other preparations for Christmas. It's a time of office parties, singing carols and making sure we've got gifts for everyone we need to buy for. Gifts for children usually feature largely in this as there are so many things which they absolutely need, in order to keep up with their friends. How different it was when my dad was a child. He was born in 1916 and on Christmas Eve, when he and his sisters went to bed, there were no decorations up at all. My grandad would go out to the market, buy a tree, decorate it and fill their stockings. None of the 'must have' toys for them, their stockings contained a sixpence in the toe, followed by a tangerine and some nuts in their shells. There might then be a striped candy stick, and a toy such as a penny whistle or a whip and top. From their parents (as opposed to what Santa had brought), there would have been, maybe, a rag doll for the girls and a small toy car for my dad. They would also be given a selection box each, and that was it.

Advent in those days was nowhere near as frenetic as it is today, for surely, when this season was first instituted by the Church, it wasn't intended as a 'season to be jolly'? but as a time of preparation for the wonderful festival which looked forward to both the first and the second coming of Jesus?

If you would like to think more deeply about the spiritual side of this Advent season, then I have suggested some passages below which might help you.

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 7th 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 4th December
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 11th December
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Nigel Worth
 with Debbie Patrick preaching

Wed 14th and Fri 16th December
09:30 Little Sparks Christmas Parties
 in the church

Thu 15th December
1pm Experience Christmas
 with Hartshorne Primary School

Sunday 18th December
4pm Carol Service
 with Rev Mike Firbank
 and Rev Sam Mackie

Saturday 24th December
11.30pm Midnight Communion
 Joint service with Gresley at
 Hartshorne with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 25th December
10am Christmas Day
 Joint outdoor service at
 Gresley Church

Sunday 1st January
10:45 Joint New Year's Day Service
 at St Peter's, 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



4 th Dec	Christine
11 th Dec	Deb P & Alicia
18 th Dec	Jane
25 th Dec	Bill
1 st Jan	Brian Redfern
8 th Jan	Val & Andy
15 th Jan	Nige & Deb

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

27th Nov	Nigel
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 11th 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.

