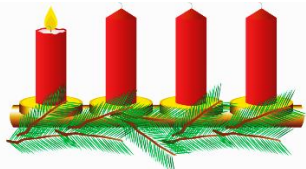


Sunday 30th November 2025

Today's service

**10:45 Morning Worship
for Advent Sunday**
with Rev Kara Gander



Today's Reading



Isaiah 2:1-5 - Hope

A Thought from Kara

As we embrace the Advent season, we are invited to reflect on the incredible and transformative act of God taking on humanity through the birth and life of Jesus. Coming to us as a vulnerable and dependent baby. An opportunity to align our hearts with anticipation as we look forward to His promise of return. Today's passage presents Isaiah's inspiring vision of the new kingdom that God has in store for us—a kingdom characterised by peace, joy, and love. Let us hold tightly to the hope of Christ's return, knowing that each day brings a new opportunity to co-create the fulfilment of His promises, the kingdom of Heaven here on earth as he transforms our lives, our families, and our communities.

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



Advent Course

Come and join us as we explore the Christmas Story through the themes of our Minster Vision

7pm-9pm: Thursday 27th Nov 'Vision'

What is God's Vision for His world as shown through the arrival of Jesus Christ?

7pm-9pm: Thursday 4th Dec 'Transforming Lives'
How does Jesus coming into the world transform lives?

7pm-9 pm: Thursday 11th Dec 'Building Communities'

What does community look like to God through the nativity story?

7pm-9pm: Thursday 18th Dec 'Growing Church'
How does knowing Jesus better helps to grow church?

What should I expect from each evening?

A hot drink and biscuits to dunk, a warm welcome, some teaching input, opportunities to talk and share in small groups, opportunities for open discussion, and a serious exploration of how all the above helps us today in all we try to do as we look to transform lives, build community, and grow church.



Swadlincote Churches Together Christmas Brass and Carols

Saturday December 13th
10:00 – 12:00

**Come and join
our scratch
Christmas
Carol Choir** **outside
Superdrug,
High St**



dreamstime.com

CHURCH CALENDAR



Wednesday 3rd December
7pm Chellaston Scout Explorers
 Bell Ringing Experience

Thursday 4th December
1pm Experience Christmas
 with Hartshorne Primary School

Thursday 4th December
7pm Advent Course
 in the church hall

Sunday 7th December
10:45 All-age Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Thursday 11th November
10:30 Coffee & Conversation
 at Goseley Community Centre

Saturday 13th December
10:00 Christmas Brass and Carols
 Swadlincote Churches Together
 outside Superdrug, Swadlincote

Sunday 14th December
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Sean O'Toole
6.45pm Sunday Night Live
 with Magical Mayhem

Sunday 21st December
4pm Traditional Carol Service
 led by Patrick and Kara
 with Force 10 Big Band

Wednesday 24th December
11.30pm Midnight Communion
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Cleaning Rota

Dec 7 th	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
Dec 14 th	Friday HG	Whole church, including brasses
Dec 21 st	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Dec 28 th	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Jan 4 th	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
" "	Bill	Brasses

Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Nov 30 th	Christine	Nigel	Deb W
Dec 7 th	Sean	Brian	Gwen
Dec 14 th	Brian	Christine	James
Dec 21 st	CAROL SERVICE		
Dec 28 th	Emily	Friday HG	Carol
Jan 4 th	Sandra	Nigel	Maxine & Jane

Meet & greet/Tidying Church after the service Rota

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Nov 30 th	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
Dec 7 th	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Dec 14 th	Christine T	Nathan
Dec 21 st	CAROL SERVICE	
Dec 28 th	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Jan 4 th	Christine T	Jean

Scouting For Bells

On Wednesday a group of scouts from Chellaston is coming to our regular bell ringing practice, working towards a new scouting badge.

There are around 8000 scouts of various ages in 14 Scout Districts in Derbyshire and a constant flow of new members through the movement. The hope is that a new bell ringing badge can introduce a new and worthwhile activity to the attention of Scouts. It would bring in new ringers and help achieve a steady trickle of young persons interested in bell ringing thus helping with promoting wider interest in bell ringing including full circle ringing, hand bell ringing, chiming, bell maintenance and conducting. Badges are often staged so that people can join at any level.

Andy Austen, our tower captain, has been instrumental in designing the training programme and coordinating with Scout leaders to ensure a welcoming and educational experience for all participants. We are delighted to take part in this exciting new venture and look forward to seeing many young people discover the joy and tradition of bell ringing.

