

Please pray

We continue to pray for our world and unrest that seems to fill it.

We pray for the right decision over the borders on the island of Ireland.

The season of Advent is upon us, we pray that we may not be too carried away with preparations for Christmas that we forget it is the birth of Jesus we are preparing to celebrate.

For our parish and it's smooth running during the vacancy and for the future, using Sarah's prayer points;

- 1 Our hearts to be open and ready for God's person.
2. The applicants' hearts to be open to God's calling.
3. The application process and familiarisation and the day to be a real chance to get to know the candidates and vice versa.

We thank you for the people in our church out delivering the Christmas cards.

We have said farewell to Leanne who has been our church administrator for 11 years. We thank her for her hard work. Please bless and guide her in her new job

We pray for those who are suffering, whether in mind or in body that they may know they are surrounded by God's love.

Amen

Contacts

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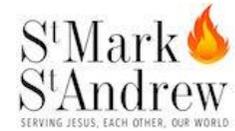
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NEWS



Sunday 10 December – Advent 2

Heavenly Father,
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world
and wilt send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that when he shall come again,
we may be found ready to greet him
with joyful love and steadfast faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome Our hope is that as we worship together we will meet with Jesus and be inspired to grow in our knowledge and love of Him and be equipped to serve Him in our daily lives. Do please join us for a chat, get to know each other and share refreshments.

Our services today

“To explore how the Lord God promises hope”
Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1: 1-8

St Andrew's

9.00 am Breakfast@9
10.30 am Holy Communion

St Mark's

10.30 am Holy Communion

Crèche for 0+ at the back of the church (unsupervised)
Smarkies for preschool to Year 5 held in the Annexe
Inspire for Year 6 – 9 held in the Crypt
(Term Time only)
Children are told when and where to go and return during the service.
Before and after services please keep children safe

*St Andrew's and St Mark's are wheelchair accessible
and have hearing loop*

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11 December

9 am Morning Prayer – St Mark's Church
10.30 am Lee Hurst Swan Rehearsals – St Mark's Church
3.00 pm Lee Hurst Swan Christingle – St Mark's Church

Tuesday 12 December

9 am Morning Prayer – St Mark's Church
10 am – St Mark's Pre School Rehearsals – St Mark's Church
2 pm – Chafyn Grove Rehearsals – St Mark's Church
2 pm – 4 pm CommuniTea – St Andrew's Church
6.30 pm Music Group Rehearsals for Christmas – St Mark's

Wednesday 13 December

9.30 am Holy Communion – St Andrew's Church
10.00 am minimarks Toddler Group – Barrington Centre
11.30 am Chafyn Grove Service – St Mark's Church
1.30 pm Vacancy Leadership Team – Barrington Centre
6.30pm – 8 pm (term time) Inc Youth Group – Barrington Centre

Thursday 14 December

9 am Morning Prayer – St Mark's Church
9.30 am St Andrew's School visit – St Andrew's Church
10 am St Mark's Pre School Rehearsals – St Mark's Church
11am – 2 pm Crossbarr Café – Barrington Centre

Friday 15 December

10 am Organ Lessons – St Andrew's Church
Flipside Years 4 – 6; 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm, Years 7 – 9; 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm, -
The Pavilion, Bishopdown Farm

Sunday 17 December – Advent 3

"To investigate the way John the Baptist pointed to Jesus"
Isaiah 61: 1-4; 8-11; John 1: 6-8; 19-28

9.00 am Breakfast@9 – St Andrew's
10.30 am Holy Communion – St Andrew's
10.30 am Morning Worship – St Mark's
4.00 pm Carol Service – St Andrew's
6.00 pm Carol Service – St Mark's

Notices:

Thank you from Leanne

Thank you so much for my lovely bay tree and to all those who have sent me cards, flowers and good wishes for the future. I have loved my job and working in the Church Office and will miss it, but feel now the Children are older it's time for me to spread my wings. Many thanks also for all the prayers that were offered during my illness and bereavement of my lovely Dad this year. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Cross Barr Café Christmas Events

14 December – Carols at the Café!

Confirmation service

If anyone is interested in joining those being confirmed in St Mark's on 21st January 2018 at 4pm, please talk to Diane Roberts or Matt Earwicker.

A big thank you from Together@ten

To all who have saved items (lids, cardboard rolls and so on) for craft at recent services. It has been appreciated!

You are invited to an evening of Christmas Caroling

Faith, hope and love are what the spirit of Christmas is all about. Join us in sharing that 'Spirit and Joy' with our Christmas Caroling. **Thursday 21st December at 6-7pm Meeting at St. Marks church.** Contact Sarah Hardy or Amanda Robertson if you are interested or just turn up on the night.

Christmas Card at St Mark's

We will be putting a large Christmas card at St Mark's this week, so that we can share Christmas greetings to other members of the church family. If you would prefer to do this instead of giving Christmas cards, you may consider giving money you would normally spend on cards to Community Christmas (www.communitychristmas.org.uk)

Christmas Service Times

St Mark's – Christmas Eve

10.30 am Morning Worship
4.00 pm Nativity Service

Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Parish Communion

St Andrew's - Christmas Eve

10.30 am Holy Communion
4.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

