

Christmas is nearly here and it's worth opening our bibles!

There is a much to thank God for and to pray for. Please do pray in particular for the Christmas programmes in both churches and the Christmas Card distribution (6000 cards!) across the Parish.

In a traditional carol service the opening words include a call to:

"Read and mark Holy Scripture" – let's encourage one another to do this

"The loving purposes of God" – Do read John 3 v16

"Our disobedience" – Do read Isaiah 53 v6

"Our glorious redemption" – Do read Ephesians 1 v7

If we take time to consider all of this then our Christmas celebrations will be God centred

December Worship

Morning Prayer takes place at 9 am on Mondays Tuesdays, and Thursdays at St Mark's Church
Holy Communion takes place on Wednesdays 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church

Sunday 3 December (Advent 1)

"To celebrate God's blessings as we wait for Jesus to return"

1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

9.00 am Breakfast@9 (St Andrew's)
10.30 am Holy Communion (St Andrew's)
9.00 am Holy Communion (St Mark's)
10.00 am Together@10 (St Mark's)

Sunday 10 December (Advent 2)

"To explore how the Lord God promises hope"

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1: 1-8

9.00 am Holy Communion (St Andrew's)
10.30 am Holy Communion (St Andrew's)
10.30 am Holy Communion (St Mark's)

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)

Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

"To celebrate and declare the good news about Jesus given to Mary and the prophets"

Romans 16. 25-27; Luke 1.26-38

10.30 am Holy Communion (St Andrew's)
10.30 am Morning Worship (St Mark's)
4.00 pm Crib Service (St Andrew's)
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11.30 pm Midnight Communion (St Andrew's)

Sunday 25 December (Christmas Day)

"To celebrate the birth of Jesus"

Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20

10.00 am Family Communion (St Mark's)

Sunday 31 December (Christmas 1)

"To explore the greetings given to baby Jesus and then how we too greet God"

Gal 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40

10.00 am Combined Holy Communion (St Andrew's)
10.30 am Holy Communion (St Mark's)