

24th (& 31st) December 4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St Andrew's!

Welcome to St Andrew's. If this is the first time you are joining us please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or someone with a name badge. If you would like more information on anything at St Andrew's please leave your details on the card on the desk. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We have an audio loop in the church and large print versions of our service booklet are available. Please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. There is a WC in the corner of the church, just past the organ. We hope you enjoy the service.

Kids' Church will meet again on the 14th January as there is a family service on the 7th January.

At the back of the Church there is an activity space for very small children.

SAY It's Sunday youth group for year 6 and above meet at 6pm during term time in Church Gate House.

Refreshments Tea & Coffee will be served after the 10am service by Jill Newman. Please do join us.

CHRISTMAS EVE

8am Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching: Peter Vickers
Intercessor: Richard Hollington
Reader: Dominic Combe

10am Parish Communion

Presiding & Preaching:
Peter Vickers
Intercessor: Clergy

5pm Crib Service

Leading:
Esther Holley

11pm Midnight Eucharist

Presiding & Preaching:
Charleen Hollington

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching:
Peter Vickers

10am Family Service

Leading: Charleen Hollington
Talk: Esther Holley
Prayers: Moni Babatunde
Reader: Moni Babatunde

Friday 29th December

10:30am Holy Communion

NO SERVICE

**Service Booklets:
24th Dec.**

8am and 10am:
Eucharistic Prayer E

Readings:

8am & 10am:
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
(OT 301)
Romans 16:25-end
(NT 176)
Luke 1:26-38 (NT 60)

**Service Booklets:
31st Dec.**

8am and 10am:
Christmas Season

Readings:

8am & 10am:
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
(OT 719)
Galatians 4:4-7
(NT 202)
Luke 2:15-21 (NT 61)

Collect for 24th Dec.

God our redeemer,
who prepared the
Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your
Son: grant that, as she
looked for his coming as
our saviour, so we may
be ready to greet him
when he comes again as
our judge; who is alive
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen

This week's prayers and readings:

Praying For:

- Peter, Charleen and Esther as they lead our services today. Pray that God will speak to us through their words as we worship together.
- Those reading and leading the prayers.
- Everyone involved in the Crib Service.

Pastoral/Church

- The bereaved family and friends of the late Bette Hill.
- Those in our congregation who are ill, recovering from operations or lonely.
- The preparations for our Christmas Lunch and that invitations will reach the right people.
- The successful outcome of the treatment to beat lung cancer faced by Liz Bradley, and her family.
- Peter Franz as faces further treatment for cancer.
- The Church Wardens & Clergy during the Interregnum.

A VACANCY PRAYER

God our father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Rector for this Benefice, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Collect for 31st Dec.

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

This week's notices:

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM are you talented with flowers or would just like to have a go. The flower arranging team is looking for new willing volunteers. Please contact Mabs Ostley on 01932 862178 if you can help.

CHURCH CLEANING could you help to keep the church clean and tidy. The team meet on a Thursday morning but jobs can be done at other times if more appropriate. If you are able to help please contact Mabs Ostley on 01932 862178

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH Everyone welcome, please let Shirley know if you would like to come.

THANK YOU David Cooke would like to thank friends at St. Andrew's for the support he has received following Florence's death; for the kindness which people have shown in different ways, for their cards, words of condolence and visits; and with thanks to Peter Vickers, David Fuge and members of the choir at the funeral on Monday.

VACANCY PRAYER MEETINGS the dates for 2018 are available on a card on the welcome desk. Please do add the dates to your diary. The first date is the 8th January at 8pm for approximately 30 minutes, timed to be before the post is advertised in January.

THE FOOD BANK would be grateful for Tomato ketchup, UHT/Long-life milk and fruit juice or squash, Custard, Tinned vegetables (not sweetcorn or pulses please), Tinned potatoes, Tinned 0meat. Hot drinking chocolate, Deodorant (for men) and toilet rolls.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed between Christmas and New Year. The office will be open again on Wednesday 3rd January.

PLEASE DO CHECK your pigeon holes



The Church Wardens, Clergy & staff team of St Andrew's wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Sunday 31st December – 1st Sunday after Christmas

8am Holy Communion Presiding & Preaching: Charleen Hollington	10am Parish Communion Presiding & Preaching: Charleen Hollington	6pm Evensong Preaching: Hugh Bryant
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Upcoming Events

Monday 25 th	8am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am	Family Service – <i>Holy or Hectic</i>
	1pm	Christmas Lunch – Church Gate House
Friday 29 th	10:30am	NO SERVICE
Sunday 31 st	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion (No Kids' Church)
Tuesday 2 nd	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 3 rd	9am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Baby Talk
Friday 5 th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Service - Epiphany
	6pm	SAY It's Sunday Youth Group
Monday 8 th	8pm	Vacancy Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 9 th	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10 th	9am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Baby Talk
Thursday 11 th	2:30pm	T4U – informal Afternoon Tea
	7pm	Spiritual Cinema
Friday 12 th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lunch Club
Sunday 14 th	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion
		SAY It's Sunday Youth Group

