



St Anne's Church , West Heath

Notice Sheet for Sunday 21st December and Christmas Day



Welcome to St Anne's Church where we strive to be a home to invite everyone into.

To use the induction loop, hearing aids need to be turned to the 'T' position.

Please ensure mobile phones are turned off or are on silent mode.

Mince pies, biscuits, coffee, tea and squash will be served in the Church Hall after the Carol service.

There will be no refreshments after the Christmas Day service.

Collect For the fourth Sunday of advent (for use at home)

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.

Readings for the fourth Sunday of advent:

Please see Carol Service order of service.

Thought For Sunday 21st December: Bargaining with God, by Ian Bradley

There are times when we try to bargain with God: 'Lord, if you'll do this for me, I'll do that for you.' Isn't it logical? We do it among our peers all the time. You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours is the name of the game, and it works for business as well as for pleasure.

But it's not God's way. God is prepared to do all the giving, in return for our faith. That is much harder for us to cope with, because it removes justifiable pride on our part.

Prayers

Interregnum Prayer: Almighty Father, who in your love has drawn us together as members of your Church in our parish of St. Anne; during this interregnum especially deepen our love for you and strengthen our fellowship one with another. Hear the prayers of your people and send to us the person who shall faithfully and wisely exercise their role as vicar in our parish, to the good of your Church and the glory of your name; though Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Other Prayers

Please pray for those who are not well especially for Malcolm, Bebe, Barbara (Dean's wife), Brenda A, Robert S, Doreen, Polly, Sandra, Dawn, Paulene, Elsie, Chrissie, Joan, Margaret C, Moses and his son and brother, Pam and her family, Dawn's son Joe and his family KT and Tyler, Elsie's mum, Emma and Tom (Chris Clapham's daughter and husband).

If you have a prayer request please speak to Janet Bradley or email her: janet22bradley@gmail.com, or complete a form and put it in the prayer request box in the entrance to the church. All requests will remain on the prayer list for a month unless you request otherwise.

Collect For Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Christmas Day:

Isaiah 52 7-10
Hebrews 1 1-12
John 1 1-14

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 31 15-17
1 Corinthians 1 26-29
Matthew 2 13-18

Thought for Christmas Day: In the Eyes of a Child by Ian Bradley

We need, this Christmas, to reject the cynicism and coldness of the world. We need to stand again with the shepherds, as the heavens rang with glorious praise. We need to see the world in the eyes of a child, as we watch him in the manger.

And we need to share that wonder with this sophisticated yet topsy-turvy world in which we live, because unless we take Christmas action, the world will continue careening in the opposite direction.

Do we care enough to act?

Calendar

Sunday 21st December	10 am	Family Carol Service followed by mince pies, tea, coffee and squash in the church hall.
Thursday 25th December	10 am	Holy Communion Service led by the Venerable Jenny Tomlinson, Archdeacon of Birmingham. An activity will be provided for J.A.M. Club
Sunday 28th December	10:00am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev John Barnett including J.A.M. Club.

Notices

- We will be holding our Christingle Service on Sunday 18th January at 10 am and there will be an opportunity for you to make your own Christingle.
- If you have any concerns please contact the church warden:
Georgina Arnold 0121 458 1590 or 07107214604

Fire Alarm:

If there is a fire, please leave the building by the nearest exit and assemble in the main church car park at the rear of the church.

Safeguarding:

If there are any safeguarding concerns in and out of the church, please speak to the Parish Safeguarding Officer: Chrissie Price: chrissie.price@blueyonder.co.uk