

Parish News

Sunday 19th December 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

Parish Clergy

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Wearing face masks in Church is mandatory.

The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately to our Safeguarding Coordinator, Teresa Atherton

Collect

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.

First Reading *Hebrews 10.5-10*

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

**'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;**

⁶in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, **"See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'**

⁸When he said above, **'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in
sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are
offered according to the law),** ⁹then he added, **'See, I have come to do your
will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.** ¹⁰And it is by
**God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of
Jesus Christ once for all.**

Second Reading *Luke 1.39-45(46-55)*

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever, even as he said to our fathers."

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Opportunities for Prayer

Every Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer at 9am
in St. Luke's unless otherwise announced



A Prayer Group Meeting takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 3pm at 13 Park Road. Join us as we **pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for the ministry and witness in our communities.**

Everyone is important and everyone has a part to play

Let's give thanks for our Licensed Ministry Team We pray for them:

Heavenly Father thank you for Rev. Gill, David Gethin, Di Holt, Rev. Marie and Rev George and Rev. Vicky. We pray that you will bless them. Fill them with your Holy Spirit, guide and protect them as serve you in this busy season. Amen

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- SOUP
- BEANS
- PASTA



WEEKLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- TINNED MEAT
 - TINNED RICE PUDDING
 - TINNED FRUIT
 - JAM
 - SQUASH
- UHT MILK CARRIER BAGS



Urgent Appeal We remember at this time that Jesus, Mary and Joseph became a refugees when Herod set out to kill all the young boys in order to end Jesus' life.

We have received a request from Support Staffordshire for winter clothing and shoes for the asylum seekers who are housed at the hotel in Bridgtown. If you can help please drop items off at the Church Centre.



Many happy returns to Nigel Bailey celebrates his Birthday on 23rd December and

Teresa Atherton who celebrates hers on the 27th December. Thank you for all you do!

Love from the Church Family

Birthdays and Anniversaries We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you as you celebrate the milestones of life. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to publicize your special days? Just send a note or an email.



Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!

Pantomime time

St. Luke's Friendship Group are taking bookings for the 2022 Trip to the Pantomime—The Wizard of Oz performed by Cannock Chase Drama Society

On Saturday 22nd January at 2.30pm in the Prince of Wales Theatre. Tickets £12.50

Please book with Margaret or Linda by the end of December.

What's on

Sunday 19th December –6pm Carols by Candlelight

24th December –4.30pm Crib service

11.30pm –First Communion of Christmas

****Booking Essential for these services****

If you would like to attend any of the following please let a member of the team know or email stlukesparish@btconnect.com or call 01543 502131.

Christmas Day St. Luke's

9.30am Family Communion

Parish Magazine 2022

If you are a subscriber to the Parish Magazine you will receive an envelope with the December issue.

Cost for the year 12 issues is £10 (Jan – Dec).

Please put cash or cheque (made payable to

St Luke's Church) in the brown envelope which

should be returned to the distributor or the Parish Office. If you have not subscribed before and wish to do so please contact Janet Bailey

(01543 574624)

PLEASE NOTE

remember HANDS, FACE AND SPACE

If you take risks you are not caring for others!

St Luke's

Wednesday 22nd 10.00 am Morning Prayer

Christmas Eve 4.30pm Crib service—Booking required

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas—Booking Required

Christmas Day 9.30 Family Communion

Sunday 26th No Service

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, and Thursday 30th -No services

St Thomas'

Christmas Eve 11pm First Communion of Christmas

Sunday 26th December—No service



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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