

### **Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

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**CTDD CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS** We will be Carol Singing outside Sainsbury's on Saturday Dec 21st. Please join us and if you can play a non-electric instrument to accompany the singing please ring Barry Jex 419241 or Arlene Thompson 498526.

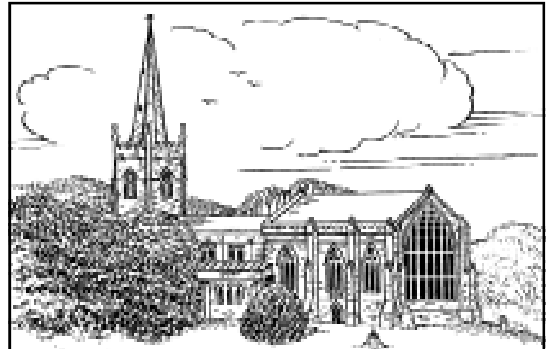
### **DRONFIELD PARISH LADIES VOICES CHRISTMAS CONCERT SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 7:00pm**

This will be Dronfield Parish Ladies Voices first ever concert in church. 25 ladies from across the community are working hard to learn a varied and fun programme. Tickets, £5, from the Church Office, members of the group, or by contacting Rob at [Robert.aldread@btinternet.com](mailto:Robert.aldread@btinternet.com) or 07969663584. All proceeds to Cardiac Risk in the Young and The Dronfield Parish Young Voices.

**MY JOURNEY FROM APARTHEID TO FREEDOM**  
**Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm Civic Hall** - see poster at the back of church. Hear Chris Lubbe's inspiring message of tolerance, forgiveness and acceptance. His journey through Apartheid, becoming Nelson Mandela's bodyguard, and training with the SAS, is a fascinating story. All proceeds go to [www.africasgift.org](http://www.africasgift.org) For tickets contact Revd Dave Walker at [curate@staccd.org.uk](mailto:curate@staccd.org.uk) or on 07802 374763

**CATHEDRAL ARCHER PROJECT** urgently needs tinned food, cereals, sugar, teabags, coffee, pot noodles (not packets), biscuits, squash, sleeping bags, socks, hats and gloves. A full list is on the notice board (prayer board). They are always grateful for your generous support.

# **St John the Baptist Dronfield Weekly Newsheet**



**November 24th 2019  
Sunday next before Advent  
Christ the King**

God our Father,  
Help us to hear the call of Christ the King,  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory,  
**AMEN**

### **Readings**

- 1 Jeremiah 23:1-6 p.736
- 2 Colossians 1:11-20 p.197
- 3 Luke 23:33-43 p.85

**Give thanks for** our Over 21 Group  
**Pray for** St Philips Church, and Revd Joel Bird  
**Pray for** Christian missionaries working abroad.  
**Pray for** peace in Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Palestine, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other troubled parts of the world.  
**Pray for** all Christians persecuted for their faith.  
**Pray for** victims of international trafficking and slavery, the homeless, hungry or despairing, and for all who work to bring relief.  
**Pray for** a safe haven for refugees fleeing from war-torn areas of the world, and for those coping with the effects of terrorism and natural disasters.  
**Pray for** all in governmental authority, at home and abroad, that their governance might be based on integrity and a genuine care for the welfare of nations.

**Items for this service sheet must reach the  
Parish Office by 10am on the Wednesday  
before the Sunday of publication.**

# Welcome to our Services

## 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Service led by Revd Paul Mellars  
Readings 1, 2 & 3

## 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS

**FOR HEALING** - This prayer will be offered during the distribution of the bread and wine. If you would like prayer please come and sit on the seats in front of the pulpit. You may come for any need and no reason need be given.

Service led by Dr Tony Bethell and Revd Peter Bold  
Hymns A&M 593 omitting vv.2,4 & 6, 769, 700, 763  
Readings 2 & 3

Intercessions: Revd Peter Bold

Over 21 Group offer the bread and wine

Anthem Above all Praise and Majesty (Mendelssohn)

## 6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

Service led by Revd Paul Mellars  
Hymns A&M 763, 769, 153, 748  
Readings 2 & 3  
Psalm 46 see overleaf

## Events of the Week

### Monday 25th

5.45pm Young Voices rehearsal in Civic Hall  
7.30-9pm Ladies Voices rehearsal in church

### Tuesday 26th

2.00pm Bible study at 191 Carr Lane

### Wednesday 27th

10.00am Holy Communion  
P.m Setting up Christmas Tree Festival

### Thursday 28th

9.00-5pm Setting up Christmas Tree Festival  
2.00pm Emmaus Bible Study Group meets at the Rectory - all welcome  
7pm Choir Practice

### Friday Nov 29th

2- 7.30pm Christmas Tree Festival opens in Church  
4 -8pm Christmas Fairground and Fest Civic Centre  
5pm Taize Service St Swithins  
6-6.30pm Carols and Lights Switch on—Library  
6-9pm Minimarket, crafts and music at the Barn

### Saturday 30th

10-12 noon Coffee morning in church  
6-9pm Minimarket, crafts and music at the Barn  
2-7.30pm Christmas Tree Festival  
4.00pm Hustings at St Pauls Church

### Sunday December 1st First Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30pm Holy Communion  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

## PAT WALKER

Pat has now moved to Meadow Grange Care Home on Holmesfield Road at Dronfield Woodhouse, and will be delighted when friends call and see her there.

# Church Noticeboard

**CONTACTS.** Church-wardens Jill Bethell 413276, Gill Gill, 0114 250 7173, Philip Austin 417663

**PASTORAL CARE** Revd. Peter Bold 411531

**CLERGY DAYS OFF:** Peter - Mondays, Paul and Joel - Fridays.

**CHURCH WEBSITE. Visit us at:**

[www.dronfieldparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.dronfieldparishchurch.org.uk),

or contact [angelahall@clara.co.uk](mailto:angelahall@clara.co.uk)

Also see [www.dronfieldchurchmusic.com](http://www.dronfieldchurchmusic.com)

**TAIZE MEDITATION**— 4 short services at 5pm on Fridays at St Swithins Holmesfield— a peaceful preparation for Christmas amidst the bustle, starting on Friday 29th November. If any musicians would like to help lead the music please see Peter. If anyone would like a lift to the service please see Peter or Candy.



**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
Friday 29th November—Sunday  
8th December  
2-7.30pm

(Except December 7th -  
ticket only 4.30-6.30pm  
for Young Voices Concert)

**Coffee Morning Saturdays 30th  
and 7th 10-12noon**

With over 120 Christmas Trees expected from all aspects of our town, live music, refreshments and much more, we're looking forward to a wonderful time. Tell everyone - it's a wonderful way to show everyone that St John's is their Parish Church, where all are welcome. Offers to steward and help with refreshments are still needed. Please contact Jill Bethell or Jackie Boon to volunteer for stewarding, and Jean Hobson for refreshments.

**FIRST AID COURSE CERTICATES**— if you took part in the recent course your certificate awaits at the back of church. Congratulations! A big thank you to Dronfield St John Ambulance for sponsoring the recent First Aid courses held in Church. We now have 29 new people from Young Voices support, Youth workers, the Choir and Congregation with a qualification, able to help in an emergency at no cost to the Church. You may also be interested to know that our Defibrillator, also provided by St John, has recently been used in two local emergencies.  
Sybil Naylor

**ST SWITHINS CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Sat. Nov 30th. 11-2pm. Opening by Howard Middleton of Great British Bake-Off and BBC Radio Sheffield. Howard will be judging a home-baked Victoria Sponge competition, so bring yours along, and who knows, by the end of the day you could be a star baker!