

**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.

**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.

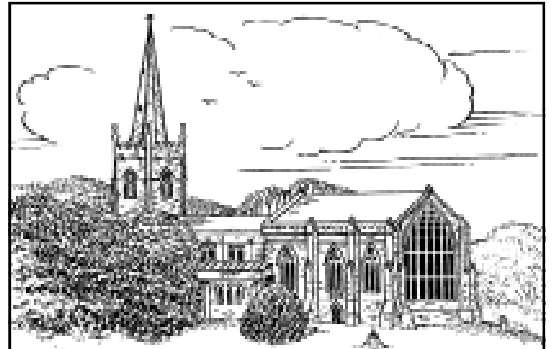
**REVD CAROLYN WRITES** - Dear friends, I would like to thank everyone from St Johns, St Marys and CTDD for your prayers, cards and messages of support and encouragement over the last few weeks. As some of you may know I was recently admitted to hospital unable to walk and spent a week there undergoing tests and scans. Whilst we now have a better picture of various symptoms causing my problems, the root cause I still under diagnosis. I am on medication to treat some of the issues but until I have a definitive diagnosis and required treatment plan I have had to take a step back from many of my regular day to day activities to allow for rest and healing. I am planning to be around in a limited way towards Christmas and as soon as I know the medics plans for me I can be clearer about what the next few weeks will look like. Your continued prayers for healing are much appreciated. All blessings, Carolyn.

**JOHN GRATTON** would like to thank members at St Johns for the kind cards and good wishes sent to me over the past year, and for the prayers said for me in church. I was discharged from hospital at the beginning of December following my third operation this year. I am very much hoping that it will prove to have been the last, and that I will be able to attend church again in the new year.

**PAT WALKER** 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.

**CALLYWHITE NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS SERVICE.** 3.15pm on Dec 24th. Revd Peter Bold will be leading the service. We hope to see all our regular group of singers there. If you would like to sing with us just turn up on the day. - Revd Carolyn

## St John the Baptist Dronfield Weekly Newsheet



**December 8th 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen

### **TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS**

1. Isaiah 11:1-10 p.650
2. Romans 15 vv 4-13 p.159
3. Matthew 3:1-12 p.2

**Give thanks for** our flower arrangers  
**Pray for** St Andrews Church, and Revd Paul Mellars  
**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 Peter Bold  
Readings 1, 2 & 3

## 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

Service led by Revd Peter Bold  
Hymns A&M 46, 604, 581, 99  
Readings 2 & 3  
Intercessions: Andrew Shaw  
Flower Arrangers offer the bread and wine  
Anthem: Celtic Advent Carol (Anderman & Barrett)

## 11.15am BAPTISMS

Service led by Revd Peter Bold  
We welcome Matilda Ann & Otilie Beau Clements,  
their family and friends.

## 5.00pm CHRISTINGLE

Service led by Revd Peter Bold  
With favourite carols voted for during the Christmas  
Tree Festival.

## Events of the Week

### Monday 9th

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

### Tuesday 10th

2.00pm Bible study at 191 Carr Lane

### Wednesday 11th

10.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday 12th

9.30 am Dronfield Junior School practice in church  
2.00pm Emmaus Bible Study Group Rectory  
7.00pm Choir Practice

### Friday 13th

1.30pm Dronfield Junior School practice in church  
1.30-2.30pm Little Fishes  
5.00pm Taize Service St Swithins

### Saturday 14th

7.00pm Dronfield Parish Ladies Voices  
Christmas Concert in church - see aside

### Sunday December 15th Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30pm Morning Prayer  
11.15am Chattabox Crib Service  
No 6.30 service at St Johns this evening

## 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** Three short services at 5pm  
on Fridays Dec 6th, 13th and 20th. at St Swithins  
Holmesfield. A peaceful preparation for Christmas  
amidst the bustle. 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.

### CONTACTLESS!

We have now moved into the 21st century and have  
facilities to take donations with credit cards - many of  
our visitors rarely use cash.

It is simple and quick using contactless technology.

This will be available after the 9.30 service.

If you would like to know more please ask.

**DECEMBER –MARCH DIARY**—now available at the  
back of church, please take your copy.



**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
Open until 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 from all  
aspects of our town, live music, refresh-  
ments and much more, Tell everyone -  
it's a wonderful way to show everyone  
that St John's is their Parish Church,  
where all are welcome. .



**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, or on the door. All pro-  
ceeds to Cardiac Risk in the Young and  
Dronfield Parish Young Voices.