



Inspiration sheet

your weekly update of what is happening at St Anne's

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 14 December

10 am **Advent 3:** Our communion service with a Nativity Play produced by the youngest members of our church accompanied by Ricky, the donkey.



Next Sunday - 21 December

10 am **Advent Sunday 4:** We continue the countdown to Christmas as we focus on the great expectations placed on Jesus, Emmanuel - God with us.

6 pm **Carol Service with candles** followed by mulled wine and mince pies in church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL runs during the service in church.

All our services are live streamed; watch via our YouTube

Clothes for the Homeless

If you would like to donate clothes, sleeping bags or coats for the homeless, please leave them in our church porch. The church is open till 4 pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Eco Group thanks

The Christmas Craft event last Sunday raised £130 for church funds; many thanks for your support for this event.

British Legion appeal

Thanks for your donations which amounted to £80.64 this year.

Christmas Fair total

We raised £1,600 so far this year at our Christmas Fair. Tickets can still be bought to win the large quilt at £2.50 each (covers a double bed). The winning ticket will be announced after the Carol Service next Sunday.

Food bank request

The following items are in short supply at our local food bank so if you could help, they really appreciate your help: Shampoo; Mince pies; Chocolate and tubs of chocolate (Heroes, roses, etc.); Tinned ham;

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Please email the vicar (alisoncox19@hotmail.com) with your prayer requests. Deadline for inclusion in the Inspiration Sheet is 9 am on Saturday.

For those in any kind of need:

- Doreen Cropper; Colin Bearfield; Archdeacon Jane Proudfoot, Helen Palmer, David and Ruth Getgood, Sheila Bhati, Colin Greene, Chris Lawlor and Darren Armstrong.

For those who mourn: we pray for the family and friends of those who have died including Peter Barton whose funeral takes place in church on Wednesday 17 December at 12.30 pm).

For peace: for the conflicts in Sudan, Ukraine and Russia; Gaza and Israel.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday 15 December

Tuesday 16 December

6 pm Eco Group in church
6.45 pm Choir practice

Wednesday 17 December

10 am Holy Communion
11 am Advent study in the choir vestry
12.30 pm Funeral for Peter Barton in church

Thursday 18 December

10.30 am School carols with Yr 4 in church
1.30 pm Craft and Craft group in the hall

Friday 19 December

9.15 am Toddler Group in hall

Saturday 20 December

9.30 am Morning Prayer via zoom; *please email Alison Cox for the codes.*

Christmas Cards

Alison writes: Thank you for all your gifts and Christmas Cards - I really do appreciate them.

If you are leaving cards at the back of church for members of the congregation, please put their surname on the card. It helps ensuring that the right person gets the right card.

Many thanks!

Christians Against Poverty in Sale

Each Christmas CAP gives a supermarket voucher to clients to help them with the costs of Christmas. Clients tell us that it reduces the worry and stress associated with this time of year. CAP has 25 clients in Sale and Partington. Last year we gave £40 vouchers to single people and £80 vouchers to families. Once again we are appealing to church members to donate and bless clients. You can donate direct to the CAP bank using these details (and please mark your gift, 'Xmas voucher'):

Sort Code : 20-55-59
Account No : 73162125
Account Name : SALE CAP
DEBT CENTRE

Learning more about Christianity

Advent study - 11 am in the choir vestry looking at 'Women of the Nativity' starts this coming Wednesday 3rd December

The Bible Course - a revised version of this excellent course designed by The Bible Society with Dr Andrew Ollerton. Eight sessions led by Bip at the vicarage starting on Thursday 15 January at 7.30 pm.

Faith Matters - a five week course to explore the basics of Christianity on Mondays at 9.30 am in church led by Alison Cox.



Christmas Services 2025

Nativity Play - Sunday 14 December at 10 am with Ricky the donkey to help tell the Christmas story

Carol Service - Sunday 21 December at 6 pm Carol and candles

Christingle for young folk - Christmas Eve at 3.30 pm

Christingle service - Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm

Midnight Mass - Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm; the first Holy Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day - 10 am Holy Communion