

Inspiration sheet

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 18 January

10 am **2nd Epiphany:** We are reminded about the divine nature of the adult Christ during the Epiphany season at our usual 10 am service.

Next Sunday - 25 January

10 am **3rd Epiphany:** The final Epiphany season exploration of who Christ is in his adult state during our Holy Communion service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL runs during the service in church.

All our services are live streamed; watch via our YouTube account 'St Anne, Sale'

Songs of Praise

On Sunday 8 February, our 10 am service will be another 'Songs of Praise' so we are looking for people to choose their favourite hymn and talk about why it matters to them. Please speak to Olwyn or Alison if you want us to sing your favourite hymn next month.

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.

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; David and Ruth Getgood, Sheila Bhati, Colin Greene, Chris Lawlor, Darren Armstrong and the Revd Julian Heaton.

For those who mourn: we pray for the family and friends Fred Purslow who died recently; and Ken Bailey who served as chairman of the church Social Committee for some years. Ken's funeral takes place in church on Wednesday 21 January at 1.30 pm. We remember those whose anniversary falls at this time especially Brian Collins.

For our church school: we give thanks for the positive SIAMS inspection last week focusing on their religious education.

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



Outreach Prayer meeting

Come and join us in church on **Saturday 24 January** from 10 am -12 noon to pray for the outreach ministry of St Anne's.

People in our parish are spiritually curious and want to ask questions about the Christian faith. How can we better reach out to them? Let's pray for God's wisdom.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK:



Monday 19 January

9.30 am Faith Matters Course in church

Tuesday 20 January

3 pm School assembly
6 pm Eco Group
6.45 pm Choir practice

Wednesday 21 January

10 am Holy Communion
1.30 pm Funeral of Ken Bailey

Thursday 22 January

7.30 pm The Bible Course in the choir vestry in church

Friday 23 January

9.15 am Toddler Group in the hall

Saturday 24 January

10.00 am Prayer Meeting in church until 12 noon including time for chat and refreshments.

CANDLEMAS BUFFET LUNCH

We mark the arrival of Christ at the temple in Jerusalem when he is recognised as the Messiah at **Candlemas**. After worship on **Sunday 1st February**, there is an opportunity for socialising over a buffet lunch at The Sale pub from 12 noon. Full details to follow.

WORKS TO THE HALL

Craig Bell will be working in the hall to prepare the toilets and the toilet corridor for painting and installing electrical heaters, and also painting the kitchen. Please be kind to him as he works around groups using the hall.

Learning more about Christianity

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; Mondays at 9.30 am in church led by Alison Cox.

Help UK garden birds this winter

Our Eco Group would like us all to take part: The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted.

We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. Find out more at: rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch



Candlemas Retreat Day

at Foxhill Retreat House

on Monday 26 January
leaving church at 9 am and returning
by 4.30 pm

Cost £30 per person including lunch and hot drinks.

Through prayer, reflection and quiet space, we will explore what it means to notice God in unexpected places and find courage and peace as we journey forward in faith. This retreat is organised by Foxhill and led by the Revd Anna Leyden.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. For full details, see the website www.foxhillchester.co.uk