



Christ Church  
Little Drayton  
A Traditional Church  
A Welcoming Church  
A Caring Church



## Sunday 22nd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK:



**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE, WE NEED THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER OF URGENCY PLEASE...**

**Cartons of long life fruit juice - No stock, £5 Shepley's Butchers vouchers, biscuits, small jars of coffee, sponge puddings / slab cake or Christmas cake**

**\*\*THANK YOU!\*\***

**Rev. David Smith will be taking our service this morning and on Christmas morning.**



### Prayer for the week:

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.

**Amen.**

Lord let me share your work, open my eyes to the burdens borne by others. Open my heart to the pain that cannot be shared, to the fear that cannot be spoken, to all those that face darkness alone. **Amen.**

### Readings:

A reading from the Book of Micah 5:2-5a  
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-55



### Hymns:

**527 On Jordan's bank**  
**736 We have a gospel to proclaim**  
**674 This is my body**  
**137 Crown him with many crowns**



Readings to use in the fourth week of December:

Day	Date	Reading	Psalm
Sunday	22	Revelation 22:6-end	144
Monday	23	2 Peter 1:1-15	130
Tuesday	24	2 Peter 1:16-2:3	45
Christmas Day	25	Matthew 1:18-end	110
Thursday	26	Acts 6	13
Friday	27	1 John 2:1-11	21
Saturday	28	Matthew 18:1-10	36
Sunday	29	1 John 1:1-7	105.1-11

**Tea/coffee rotas for December:** 22nd—Ann & Lil, 29th—Chris & Carol. The new rotas and baptism rotas are at the back of church

**OUR FIRST AID BOX IS LOCATED ON THE CUPBOARDS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH**

**Thank you for your continuing contributions to the church. If you would like to give your collection by Standing Order, here are the church's bank account details:**

**Account name: Christ Church Little Drayton**

**Account number: 05865160, Sort code: 77-27-16**

Please pray for the people of our parish: **Andrew Bailey, Pat Bullen, Gracie, Grace Roberts, Ann, Will and Pat James, Margy Taylor, Wyn, John, Nadine Gawleta, Eric, Diane, Heather Winstone, Hazel Haskayne, Ann Broad, Chris Broad**

Please pray for members of our church family: **Chris Fell, Jon Fell, Jennifer Frost, Pat Frost**

Please pray for the life of our church: **PCC members, the staff and pupils of Buntingsdale Primary and Market Drayton Junior schools and all young people in Market Drayton, Christ Church homegroup and By The Well Fellowship group, Stoke Heath Prison**

If you know of anyone from our Church family, or a close family member or friend of your own who would like us to pray for them please contact Emma with details. Names will usually appear for a period of 6 weeks unless told otherwise.



After Christmas, please could you put any of your old holly wreaths from the churchyard in the green bin. Thank you very much.



**Epiphany**—Bring and Share Lunch 1pm at 6 Quarry Bank Rd. All welcome. Please let Jane Eastham know if you can come, 01630 658716. Names on list please at back of church, with food / drink being brought.



**Saturday 11th January 10:00 am—4:00 pm:** Retreat Day for Epiphany Season at Trentham Parish Church. £22, including lunch of jacket potato, fruit, cake, etc., and refreshments during the day. If people can give/need lifts, please let us know and any dietary requirements. Please contact Chris Simpson as soon as you can if you are interested, 01630 638794, c.simpson684@btinternet.com. There is more information on the posters at the back of church.



### **Churches Together Special Meeting**

There will be a special meeting of Market Drayton Churches Together on **Tuesday 14th January at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church**. There will be some important discussions about the future of our Churches Together group and also about the future of Christians Against Poverty in Market Drayton. **Please do make every effort to attend.**

### **UPCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS:**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 09:45 am:** Parish Eucharist (led by Revd. David Smith)



### **NO BCP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 09:45 am:** Christmas Eucharist (led by Revd. David Smith)



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 09:45 am:** Parish Eucharist (led by Revd. David Smith)



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 7:00 pm:** By The Well Fellowship Group



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 09:45 am:** Parish Eucharist (led by Revd. Rob Haarhoff)  
**6:30 pm:** Evening Prayer



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10:30 am:** Board Games Morning



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 am:** BCP Holy Communion (said Eucharist) (led by Revd. David Smith)



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 12:30 pm:** Bingo Social Event in church. Raffle and refreshments included



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 11:00 am:** Knit and Natter  
**7:00 pm:** By The Well Fellowship Group



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 09:45 am:** Parish Eucharist (led by Revd. Alison Thomas)



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