



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



Sunday 29th December The First Sunday of Christmas

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, Toilet rolls, Biscuits, Laundry washing pods, Small jars of Coffee, Sponge puddings /slab cake or Christmas cake
THANK YOU!**

Rev. David Smith will be taking our service this morning.

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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 First Book of Samuel 2:18-20, 26
A reading from the Letter to the Colossians 3:12-17
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-end



Hymns:

521 Once In Royal David's city
744 While shepherds watched
596 Silent night
479 O come all ye faithful



Readings to use in the first week of January:

Day	Date	Reading	Psalm
Sunday	29	1 John 1:1-7	105.1-11
Monday	30	John 1:19-28	113
Tuesday	31	John 1:29-34	102
Wednesday	01	Romans 2:17-end	103
Thursday	02	John 1:35-42	18.1-30
Friday	03	John 1:43-end	127
Saturday	04	John 2:1-12	89.1-37
Epiphany	05	John 1:29-34	132

Tea/coffee rotas for December: 29th—Chris & Carol. The new baptism rota and church 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: **Nadine Gawleta, Michelle Hadley, Hazel Haskayne, Gina Higgins**

Please pray for the life of our church: **the Healing Service, Bingo Social Club, Knit and Natter, Board Games morning**

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



Saturday 11th January 10:00 am—4:00 pm: A Retreat Day for Epiphany Season at Trentham Parish Church, Park Drive, ST4 8AB. The cost is £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 29th December 09:45 am: Parish Eucharist (led by Revd. David Smith)



Thursday 2nd January 7:00 pm: By The Well Fellowship Group



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



Monday 6th January 10:30 am: Board Games Morning
1:00 pm: Bring and Share Epiphany lunch at 6 Quarry Bank Road



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



Wednesday 8th January 12:30 pm: Bingo Social Event in church. Raffle and refreshments included



Thursday 9th January 11:00 am: Knit and Natter
7:00 pm: By The Well Fellowship Group



Sunday 12th January 09:45 am: Parish Eucharist (led by Revd. Alison Thomas)



Monday 13th January 6:00 pm: PCC meeting in church

Tuesday 14th January 10:00 am: BCP Holy Communion (said Eucharist) (led by Revd. David Smith)
10:45 am-ish: Outreach and Fundraising meeting



Thursday 16th January 7:00 pm: By The Well Fellowship Group



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