

Diary dates

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers

Thursday- 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by coffee morning

10am Parent and toddlers

4pm Woodrow Carols meet outside the library.

Please pray for:

Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.

Our Licensed Lay Ministers Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.

Ann Ball and family.

The family of Mary Sabin.

Those suffering with ill health.

Woodrow Community Carols this Thursday

The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.

Open the Book.

4 U Club.

Those looking for work.

Refugees settling in this country and Town.

Refugee children in camps across the world.

Children waiting for adoption

Charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

Parish Prayers for specific roads across our Parish: Frankton Close

Matchborough, Ravensmere Close Greenlands, Eckington Close

Woodrow, Kitebrook Close Winyates

Keep praying for

Ann Ball. Nancy Borthwick Jane Smith

Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove

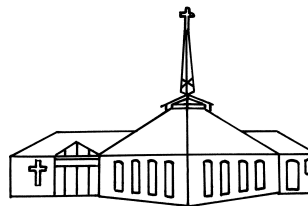
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Sunday 11th December 2016

Dear all,

The other day, the children from Woodrow First came to St John's for their Carol Service. One of the songs they sang was Kuyimba. The song contains the line, "We will serve Him all our days, In joyful songs of everlasting days."

Lynda Adams turned to me and remarked that all she wanted to do was worship the Lord. I reflected later on that remark, and realised that this is exactly what the Magi felt when they came to see the boy Jesus. They fell down and worshipped him.

During this Advent season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of peace, may we be drawn to worship Him.

The song, Kuyimba asks the question, "What gifts can we bring?" The sages, brought Him gifts of frankincense and myrrh and gold, and offered these as they worshipped.

In worship, offer him the gift of your heart and life, bowed down in adoration wonder and praise.

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel.

Christmas Cards

Instead of sending individual Christmas cards to members of St John's this year, why not consider donating to The Children's Society and write your Christmas message on the poster on the easel instead. Simply write your message then place your donation marked 'Children's society' in an envelope into the offering box in the foyer. If you're a tax payer why not use one of the envelopes available on the table in the foyer, 25% will be added to your donation through gift aid.

Blue Christmas Service

There will be a service aimed at those people who are missing loved ones more keenly at this time of year. It will be on Tuesday 20th December at 4:30pm at St Peter's – all welcome.

Carols by candlelight

This afternoon's candlelight service starts at 6.30pm, we will be taking up a collection to go to the work of The Children's Society. The Charity set up over 100 years ago by a Sunday school teacher, helps to fight child poverty and neglect. There are envelopes available on the table in the foyer, if you are a tax payer please consider gift aid, which will add 25% to your donation.

Children's Christmas Service next Sunday

We are inviting parents who attend Christingle or parent and toddlers to bring their children to join in with the Nativity by wearing a farm animal costume or mask. If you have relatives or neighbours with children please invite them to join in too.

Refreshments

We are looking forward to greeting visitors over the Advent period, if you can help to set up or serve refreshments or to provide a warm welcome please let Ann or Sharon know. ***Donations of mince pies are gratefully received.***

Thursday Prayer and Communion service

Garth leads a time of prayer, Holy communion and reflection every Thursday morning 9.30am-10am at St John's, do please come along, it is a lovely way to start the day.

Today 11th December – Advent 3

10.30am Morning Worship , Holy Communion and Healing Prayer with Revd. Garth Nathaniel ` setting people free' Isaiah 35: 1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11.

6.30pm Carols by candlelight with Revd. Garth Nathaniel.

Next Sunday 18th December – Advent 4

10.30am Morning Worship for Everyone 'Nativity' led by the Children Leaders and children.

6.30pm Evening worship with Maureen Hughes.



Christmas activities and services

Carols by Candlelight – this evening - 6.30pm

Woodrow Community Carols – outside the library 4pm on Thursday this week- please join Garth and Rosie as we look forward to Christmas together with local residents.

Children's Christmas service led by our under 13's and leaders
Sunday 18th December 10.30am

Carols on the Green – Town Carols at Redditch bandstand
Wed.21st December, refreshments from 5pm, singing starts 6pm

Christmas Eve - Midnight Holy Communion 11.15pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.30
'Word made flesh, hope made real'
with Rob Quarton and Revd.Garth Nathaniel