St John’s Church
Walsall Wood

Weekly News

Welcome

8 am  Holy Communion
Romans 13: 11 – end
Matthew 24: 36 - 44

9.30  Holy Communion
with Sunday School
Romans 13: 11 – end
Matthew 24: 36 - 44

5 pm  Christingle Service
with
St John’s School Choir

Advent and Christmas at St John’s

9th December at 1.30  St John’s School Reception: Christmas celebration in Church.
10th December at 11 am  Messy Christmas.
11th December at 6.30  Christmas celebration with the Staffordshire Band
13th December at 7 pm  Three Choirs Christmas Concert in Church.
14th December at 2.15  St John’s School KS1 Christmas Celebration in Church.
15th December at 9.30  Walsall Wood School Christmas Service in Church.
16th December at 6.30  Walsall Wood Scout Group Christmas Celebration in Church.
18th December at 6.30  Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight.
19th December at 5.15  Aldridge & Beacon Area Panel meeting in Church.
24th December at 6 pm  Jesus’ Birthday Service in Church.
24th December at 11.30  Midnight Christmas Communion.
25th December at 10 am  Christmas Family Communion.

Our Next Celebration Praise will be at 6.30 pm Sunday, 22nd January
Everybody welcome: do bring a guest.
Please use the Hymn/Song request form to choose a favourite hymn.

Everyone is invited to Mess Church Next Saturday 10th December at 11 am.

Walsingham 2017

The Deanery Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th September 2017.
Total Cost this year: £165.
Booking forms to David Sims with initial deposit of (£20) Before 29 January.
Balance of deposit, £50, by 30 April.
Balance of money (£95) by 25 June.
As usual this price includes all meals from Friday evening to Sunday Lunch as well as coach fare to and from Walsingham.
Cheques payable to “Mr W Beeson”
Any queries to David Sims 01922-865508
A Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Advent
O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

We remember all who have died recently and all who mourn their loss:
Lily Benton, Keith Rogers, Joan Platt, Alice Fallon, Joan Farnell.

May they rest in the light and peace of Christ.

Advent Night Prayer
As part of our journey through Advent, Nigel will be saying Night Prayer (Compline) at 9.30 pm each Wednesday evening, beginning on 30th November.
This peaceful late evening service lasts for about 15 minutes. You are welcome.

With Thanksgiving: for all who will come through our doors this Advent and Christmas season.

For the Church: for Justin our Archbishop; for our Diocese of Lichfield; for Michael, our Diocesan Bishop, and for his family; for Clive our Area Bishop; for Sue our Archdeacon; for Carl our Area Dean; for our parish and our church family: for God’s blessing on all who will visit our Christingle Service this evening.

For our Ten Sponsored Children: including Dylan, Alice, Dinknesh and Sheylin; for their families and communities – and for the work of Compassion in the two thirds world.

For our Church School: with thanksgiving for all who have contributed to the recent Outstanding SIAMS (Diocesan) inspection report.

For all our local Schools: for all the children and staff of Walsall Wood School, Castlefort School, Oakwood School and Shire Oak Academy.

For God’s world: for the Queen and her family; for all who serve under her in government or opposition; for the victims of war and conflict; for the refugees and those who care for them; for the hungry and the homeless; for the peoples of Italy and Austria.

For our community: for all who are preparing for Christmas, that they may discover the true power of God’s love in the birth of our Saviour.

For the residents of: Wolverson Road, Poxon Road, Sally Ward Drive, Stackhouse Close, Simpkins Close, Fereday Road.


Christmas Appeal
This year we are once again appealing for toys and gifts for Children resident at Aven House. (These should be new, wrapped and labelled “boy” or “girl” and a suitable age from 0 to 18 yrs).

We are also appealing for toiletries for welcome bags. Please see Kath Stanier for details.

Finally, we would ask for items of good quality clothing for the Glebe Centre and food for the Food Bank.

Thank you.

How to stay Young?
It’s easy... DANCE!
Join our fun exercise class.
TONING WITHOUT MOANING
Experienced Tutor – Barbara Grainger
Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:30pm in the Community Hall for just £3 per session.

Happy Birthday
George Betts
Adam Engle
Irene Ayres
Sheila Swain
Kath Atkinson

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The Ark
Is our Children’s Club for 8’s – 12’s
Join us every Friday (term time) at 6.30 in the Hall.

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Read & Pray
Each Day
Monday
Jeremiah 7: 1 - 11
Philippians 4: 4 - 9
Tuesday
Daniel 7: 9 - 14
Matthew 24: 15 - 28
Wednesday
Amos 9: 11 - end
Romans 13: 8 - 14
Thursday
Jeremiah 23: 5 - 8
Mark 11: 1 - 11
Friday
Jeremiah 33: 14 - 22
Saturday
Zechariah 14: 4 - 11
Revelation 22: 1 - 7

Our next
Family Service
is Next Sunday:
11th December at 9.30
See you there

Sunday School
Every Sunday
(except during Family Service)
Term Time at 9.30

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