



WELCOME

1st December 2019

Welcome by Duty Trustee

Lighting of Advent Candle followed by Advent Prayer

Call to Worship: The Gathering of the people of God

Hymn StF 71: Hark the Glad Sound the Saviour comes.

Prayer of [Confession](#) followed by Lord's Prayer:

New Testament Reading: Matthew 1 verses 18-21

Family Talk – Advent Light

Hymn –StF 264: Make Way, Make Way

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2 verses 1-5

Gospel Reading: Luke Chapter 1 verses 26-38

Hymn StF 188: There's a light upon the mountain

Message - Happy New Year!!

Hymn StF 594: Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of Intercession

Offertory

Hymn StF 330: Joy to the world

Dismissal and Blessing

TODAY: 10:30am Morning Worship

Worship Leader: Doug Scott

Musician: Norman Wood

Welcomers: Tony Budgen, Monica Budgen

Duty Trustee: Norman Wood

Readers: Norman Wood, Sheila Warner

NEXT SUNDAY: 10:30am

Worship Leader: Rev Amanda Roper

Musician: Adam Earle

Welcomers: Carole Marchant, Coretha McCreery

Duty Trustee: Jeremy Hallett

Readers: Clare Warren, Kathy Weller

Communion Trustee: John Harriyott

Communion Ushers: Bernard and Hazel Cook

Thank you to ...

To volunteers for preparing the church for Christmas.

Linda Hallett for providing today's refreshments.

Announcements

CHURCH MEETING

The next Church meeting will be at **7:30pm on Monday 2nd December**. Agenda have been circulated by email. If you did not receive one, there are spares in the welcome area.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS

We will be displaying cribs for the visits of schools and for the Late Night Sopping Evening. If you are willing to lend a crib and have not brought it to church today, please bring it to the church meeting tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

As is our custom, we have a decorated tree on display in Holy Cross Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to Sue and Carole for the preparing our tree. Please do take time to visit the tree. The opening times are:

Friday 6th December 10:00am to 9:00pm

Saturday 7th December 10:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday 8th December 11:30asam to 4:00pm



CORNERSTONE CAROL SERVICE

At **10:30am on 15th December** there will be a Service of Carols and Lessons led by Doug. Hopefully, it will involve the whole church in readings and in this respect the children who recently received

Bibles will be contacted with a view to them taking part and reading one of the lessons. If any member of the congregation would like to read too, please let Doug know.



CAROL SINGING OUTSIDE TESCO

14th, 19th, 21st December: from 10.00 'til 12.00

Please join us in singing carols and raising money for the Children's Respite Trust.

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

On December 18th between 6:00 and 7:30pm in the Civic Centre there will be a performance of the Journey of the Magi by Spring Dance Company. A fun evening for £8 or for children £6. Tickets are available from Gale & Woolgar.

NEW 'ENCOUNTER' GROUP.

This group will be meeting at 10:30am on 5th December, and then in the new year the first meeting will be on 9th January. We will meet in the church for an hour and everyone would be most welcome. We will be reading through the gospel of Luke together, and following a style called the Swedish Bible Study method.

FOODBANK DONATIONS:

On Christmas Eve the foodbank gives out Christmas boxes of food for those with the appropriate vouchers. It would be much appreciated if for the next four Sundays any donations that you give could be of the following: stuffing mix packets, gravy powder, cranberry sauce, crackers, Christmas themed sweets and biscuits, or non alcoholic Christmas puddings and mince pies. Many thanks for your continued support of the Foodbank.

