



A heart for the Community

St Mark's Woodthorpe

3rd December 2017
Advent Sunday

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Welcome to St Mark's

Welcome to this growing church! We hope you feel at home. If you have any questions, just ask. We regularly hold welcome afternoons.

The Church Friendship Group

This group aims to bring kids together to have fun and build lasting friendships. Aimed at the primary age range but all welcome. Meet up once a month, alternating between Friday after school & Sunday afternoon. Contact: Kari Lao/Jo Pratt
Sunday 3rd Dec, Friday 19th Jan and Sun 11th Feb

Mothers' Union and EMU

Annual Gedling Deanery Advent Service will be held at St Mark's on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm. It would be great to see as many people as possible. This service will take the place of the Mothers' Union afternoon meeting. Please note there will not be a meeting on 13th December. Mothers' Union subs of £25 are now due.

"Julian" Prayer Meeting

5th December, 7.30pm in the Chapel. This is a silent prayer meeting lasting 30 minutes so there's no praying out loud and no sharing etc. Silence is essential so please try to be there for a prompt start, refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome.

Gift Donations – Family Care

Volunteers are needed to transport toys/toiletries donations to St John the Baptist Church, Bilborough on 5th, 6th or 7th December 9am-12.30pm. Please contact Linda Sheppard.

Christian Aid Fundraiser for Burma

Wednesday 6th December, 10am until 1pm, at 21 Melbury Road. Book swap, drinks and cake - all donations welcome. Cllr Muriel Weisz 0115 920 9100 or 07764 846257

Woodthorpe Singers Christmas Charity Concert

Sat. 9th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Church, all proceeds to Cash for Kids – a local charity supporting children. Tickets £6, refreshments included. Can pay on the door. We'd love to see you.

Carol Singing in Arnold Market Place

Saturday 16th December, 10.30am; refreshments at the Methodist church afterwards.

Sing-a-long Carols

Woodthorpe Grange Park, Saturday 16th December, 11.30am by the plant shop. St Mark's and St Martin's.

EMU Toiletries Collection

Following the night of prayer against gender- based violence, EMU are collecting toiletries to give to a local women's hostel. Any unwanted Christmas gifts or donations welcome. Please put them in the box at the back of church or give to an EMU member. More information from Laura, Pat, Sue or Rosemary.

Prayers for Social Justice

Tuesday 19th December (8 - 9pm) at 16 Patterdale Road. We will be praying around issues related to mental health. For more information contact Jack Bull
jackbull012@googlemail.com

Book Review Dirty Glory - Pete Greig

15 years ago the Lord started '24/7', the now worldwide urgent prayer and bold discipleship movement. Pete tells the story of the last 5 years. On sparkling pages you'll meet colourful characters, modern saints, mind boggling answers (though not always) to heartfelt praying, and straight teaching that provides wake up calls for us. This book is available in the Resource Area.

Christmas Eve Services

In addition to the published services at 3.30pm, 5pm and 11.15pm, there will be a Holy Communion Service on 24th December at 10.00am.

Christmas Day Lunch

at St James Porchester (Church Hall). Open to anyone on their own at Christmas. Three course meal: £7.50. Contact Dorothy Chapman (0115 950 3088)

Advent & Christmas 2017

Sunday 3rd December 6pm, Advent Service of Light
A mixture of songs, readings and reflections.

Sunday 17th December at 10.30am, Nativity Service
Join us to travel through the story of the first Christmas.

Sunday 17th December at 6pm, Carols by Candlelight in church
Lessons and Carols followed by hot drinks & mince pies.

Sunday 17th December at 6pm, Cafe and Carols in the church hall
A laid back evening of fun, refreshments and the occasional carol.

Wednesday 20th December 7pm
Beer & Carols at the Bread & Bitter, Mapperley Top.

Christmas Eve at 3.30pm and 5.00pm, Christingle
Our popular Christingle events in aid of The Children's Society.

Christmas Eve at 10.00am Holy Communion

Christmas Eve at 11.15pm, Holy Communion
This traditional service includes the first Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day Celebration at 10.00am
Let's celebrate Jesus' birthday together. Children and teenagers bring a small 'wrapped' gift to open during the service.

St Mark's is a caring church where every member is encouraged to love and support others. In pastoral situations, home groups are normally the first point of contact. We also have a lay-led pastoral team whose contact details are below. Our local hospitals have trained chaplains available who offer support, prayer and Holy Communion. However, if you urgently need to make contact with a member of clergy, please use the following numbers when the church office is closed:

Bryan Mallows (Warden) 07884 062337
John Sargent (Warden) 0115 952 2275
Diana Mallows (Pastoral Team) 0115 953 7017
Pat Simpson (Safeguarding) 07816 908133

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit from a member of the Pastoral Team call:

Sue Roberts 0115 953 7949
Diana Mallows 0115 953 7017
Linda Freeman 0115 959 0093



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THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

8.45am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Leader Jack, Preacher Jack
10.30am Communion
Matthew 25:1-13
Leader Matt, Preacher Pat S
6.00pm Service of Light
Isaiah 9:1-7
Leader Alan

Monday

1.30pm Knit & Natter

Wednesday

2.00pm Tiddlywinks

Thursday

10.30am Coffee time at Catherine's

Friday

7.30pm men@stmarks Christmas Meal at
Chung's Cantonese Restaurant

Sunday 10th December

8.45am Holy Communion CW
Leader Matt, Preacher John
10.30am Morning Service
Leader Matt, Preacher Dave K
6.00pm Evening Service
Leader Matt, Preacher Fran

Please can you pray for the following:

Please pray for Laura Rhodes who had an operation on 1st December and also for family, especially her twin sister Alyx and her father Mark.

Please continue to pray for Stan Carter and Frank Atkinson, who are now at home.

Our elderly who are no longer able to attend church.

Those that are housebound and those in care homes.

Parish Prayer

This week we pray for homes in

Windsor Crescent

Staff and patients of Hospitals

Mission Partners

Friends in Burundi

Please pray for the activities organised by Mothers' Union being held in all the dioceses to confront gender based violence and for Claudette Kigeme as she coordinates them.

Azaria Spencer in Guatemala

Give thanks that she completed Spanish school and graduated. Pray for her as she settles in to life in Guatemala City and looks for somewhere to live. At present she is house-sitting for friends. (Her recent news and some photos are on the Mission board).