



A heart for the Community

# St Mark's Woodthorpe

9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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Vision and Values, visit  
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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.

### Home Groups

A couple of Home Groups will be visiting Nursing Homes over the Christmas season, to sing carols and enjoy the company and hospitality of the residents. We have however, had a request to visit an additional Nursing Home and wonder if there are any other Home Groups who would like to take this opportunity to bless some older people (and in turn, be blessed!). Please talk to your Home Group about this and if you feel you could give a couple of hours one evening or afternoon, speak with Alan Stuart for further information.

### The Church Friendship Group

This group seeks to bring kids together to have fun and build lasting friendships. Meets once a month, alternating between Friday after school & Sunday afternoon Sun 9 Dec, Fri 18 Jan & Sun 10 Feb. Venues through WhatsApp group. For more information contact Kari Lao/Jo Pratt.

### Carols In The Park

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4.30 - 5.30pm. Following on from Jazz In The Park, St Mark's is partnering with Gedling Country Park for an informal, family-friendly, sparkly carol service in Cafe 1899. Along with tea, coffee and cake, there will be mulled wine and mince pies. This will be a great event to invite friends, neighbours and families to - especially if they're not keen on 'going to church'. See Jack for more details [revjack01@gmail.com](mailto:revjack01@gmail.com)

### Knit & Natter

There will be no session on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### Mothers' Union

December 12<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas meeting in the church hall garden room at 2.15pm, when we will be having carols, mince pies etc.

### The Church Office

Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and will re-open on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### Thursday Club

Christmas dinner tickets £9, available from Bryan (07884 062337) for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Entrance by ticket only.

### Christmas Lunch 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Would you like company on Christmas Day? You are invited to St Jude's Church, Woodborough Road, NG3 5HE. Limited spaces, £5 by 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please let St Jude's know if you require transport or if you have any dietary requirements: 0115 985 6131 or email [office@stjudes.church](mailto:office@stjudes.church)

### St Mark's Book Group

The book group's next meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm at Catherine's house. We'll continue discussing Rhythms of Grace but are also suggesting we link it with the book The Practice of the Presence of God by Bro. Lawrence, which links to the later, practical chapters of Tony Horsfall's book. Further details please chat with John Sargent, Chris Doig or John Carey.

### Family Quiz Night

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the church hall: 6.30 for a 7.00pm start. Fun family quiz, tombola, auction of a signed cricket bat and 2 football tickets... and jokes from Dave Simpson! Food and a prize for everyone. In aid of the Nottingham Refugee Forum Youth Project. Tickets from Dave Simpson, Steve Leek or Pat Fenton. Adults £6. Children £3, under 3s free.

### Dates for your diary

***Please share these dates widely:***

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4pm: Café and Carols at Gedling Country Park

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm: Candlelit Carol service

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.30am: Nativity

Christmas Eve 3.30 & 5pm: Christingles

Christmas Eve 11.15pm: Midnight Communion

Christmas Day service at 10am

## Would you like to join a home group?

The majority of adults at St Mark's are part of a mid-week small group. These give opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each group has a unique flavour...

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About Us – Mid-week Groups

**All Welcome – All Involved – All Sent**

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 pastoral team. 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  
Pat Simpson (Safeguarding) 07816 908133  
Sue Roberts (Pastoral Team) 0115 953 7949



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### Church Office:

Monday 9.30am – 11.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am  
Friday 1pm – 3pm

**Telephone:** (0115) 926 7859

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**Website:** [www.stmarksonline.co.uk](http://www.stmarksonline.co.uk)

**Facebook:** [stmarkswoodthorpe](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkswoodthorpe)

If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail about news and upcoming events at St Mark's, please e-mail [stmarkscirculations@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkscirculations@gmail.com). This e-mail address will also send prayer requests and any urgent information

*Please note that photographs/videos may be taken, but exercise discretion and consideration.*

*Safeguarding legislation requires us to make referrals without consent, if a child or vulnerable adult is potentially at risk*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2

8.45am Holy Communion CW  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Luke 3:1-9  
Leader: Matt, Preacher: Alan S

10.30am Morning Service  
Luke 3:1-6  
Leader: Matt, Preacher: Pat S

4.00pm Café & Carols at Gedling Country Park

6.00pm Evening Service  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6  
Leader: Elaine B, Preacher: Stan C

### Wednesday

10.00am Tiddlywinks

### Thursday

9.00am Parish Prayer (Chapel)  
10.30am Coffee at Catherine's

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

8.45am Morning Prayer  
Leader: Peter, Preacher: Peter

10.30am Morning Service  
Leader: Matt, Preacher: Dave K

6.00pm Candlelit Carol service  
Leader: Matt, Preacher: Peter Allan

## Let's pray for the following:

Doreen Ellis who is currently in hospital with pneumonia.

Baby Sam (and his parents): born prematurely with a diaphragmatic hernia.

Our elderly who are no longer able to attend church.

### Parish Prayer

Woodthorpe Drive – Odds from 53  
Staff and Patients of Hospitals

### Friends in Burundi

Pray for our link parish of St. Mark's, Gahosha in Makamba Diocese and for Rev. Hermes Gatoto the Vicar.

### Azaria Spencer in Guatemala

Pray for her work with Street Kids Direct as they rescue girls and boys from lives of abuse and drugs on the streets.

### This month's Person to Pray for

Guy Nasasagare and his work as Communications Officer for the Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi

