

Notices and Prayers - December 2022

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Services

December

Each Wednesday

10 am - Midweek Communion* (*Not on 28th)

Sunday 4th

10 am - **Toy service** *with Junior Church*5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 11th

10 am - Parish Mass4 pm - Crib Service5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th

10 am - Parish Mass6:30 pm - Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th - Christmas Eve

4 pm - Christingle 11:30 pm - Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th - Christmas Day

10 am - Parish Mass

Dates for your diary

December

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th - Christmas Tree Festival Weekend Sunday 11th - Bring and share lunch after the parish mass (at the Old Vicarage)

Wednesday 21st, 2pm - Christingle Assembling

January

Saturday 7th - 2-5 pm - 'Twelfth Night Revels' (church hall)
Sunday 15th - Vision café resources after parish mass
Thursday 19th - Vision café at St Mark's, Bredbury
Sunday 29th - Crafternoon

Notices

The Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 21st will have a festive theme, and will involve assembling the Christingles - please do come along to help if you'd like to!

Church will be open 2-4 pm each day from 4th-20th December, for people to come and see the trees (and trains!)

We will be holding a free "Twelfth Night Revels" on Saturday 7th January - with drinks and nibbles (and please do feel free to bring and share any left over Christmas treats), a fun quiz, games for adults and children alike, and plenty of time to chat and enjoy a bit of company. If you would like to come but would like a lift, or if you could offer transport to people, please let Debbie Moores or Fr Timothy know.

A space for notes



Let us give thanks

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel..

Isaiah 7.14

Prayer list

In our prayers please remember the sick who have asked for our prayers:

Ruby Michael

Andrew Kathleen & Arthur

David Mary

Gary Clare

Freddie & Jasmine John

Madeleine Steph

Peter Jean

Jude Hillary

Roger Gordon

Please pray for:

Isaac, who will be Baptised in the coming weeks.

Alice Titterington, whose funeral is on 19th, and Margaret Holmes, whose ashes will be laid to rest at St Martin's on 4th.



All who find Christmas a difficult time.

Us at St Martin's, at the beginning of this new Church Year, and for all that lies ahead in the coming months.

The whole House of Bishops, and General Synod, as they prepare for the significant matters they will discuss in January.

Vision Cafes

Chester Diocese is currently going through a year long development process of discerning a shared *Diocesan Vision* (more information here: www.chester.anglican.org/diocese/vision/)

As part of this, our deanery will be holding various events during the week beginning Sunday 15th January. Harriet Roberts, who is leading the project, will be with us on 15th, to tell us more and to give us the opportunity to use some of the resources she has developed to gather people's views, hopes and vision for the diocese. On Thursday 19th, there will be one of three *Vision Cafés* that will run that week. It will be at St Mark's Bredbury, and St Martin's has been asked to help with this one - by baking cakes and by providing volunteers to staff the café. More information soon!

Social Media

St Martin's has a new Facebook page! It should be a great way to connect with the wider community, and let people know what's happening at St Martin's. It can be found by searching on Facebook for St Martin's, Low Marple, or by going to:

www.facebook.com/StMartinLowMarple

If you use Facebook, please do follow the new church page.

It's also really important that it's kept up to date, and that the things that we're all doing make it onto the page for people to see. If you have an event, activity, or other news that you'd like publicising, reporting about, or simply celebrating, please send details to Fr Timothy (with a photo, if possible!)