



St Bartholomew's Church, Binley



'To Know God better, to be wholly filled with His love and share this love with others'

The Second Sunday of Advent

Services today on Sunday 8th December 2019

08.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Service of Thanksgiving

COLLECT:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

HYMNS: 538, 457, 651, 581, 609, 987, 424

READINGS:

Reading Isaiah 11.1-10 Page 697
Gospel Matthew 3.1-12 Page 967

Readers: 08.00am Mike
10.00am Lyria & Alan

Intercessions: Chris

Assisting: 08.00am Mike
10.00am Judy & Sandra

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Praise & Prayer

***Praise be to the Lord God ...
may the whole earth be filled with His glory.***

Ps. 72: 18,19

Praise Almighty God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Thank Him for His redeeming love.

Give thanks for the Christmas Tree Festival & pray that people will remember its message & "Follow the Star".

Pray God's wisdom & guidance as we vote in Thursday's General Election & ask God to raise up leaders who will make good decisions for our country.

Pray for God's blessing on Friday's Christingle & uphold the work of the Children's Society.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who decorated trees, helped as stewards, ran stalls, served refreshments or contributed in any way to yesterday's Christmas Tree Festival.

**Messy Christingle at St Bartholomew's C of E Academy
Wednesday 18th December, 3.30-5pm**

Christingle making, other crafts, carol singing, refreshments. Please let Rob or Helen know if you will be coming, and how many will be with you, by texting them on 07398 186353.

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for anyone or anything, please email: prayer@stbartsbinley.org If you'd like to be part of the group which prays for others let us know using this email.

NEWS SHEET ITEMS

by email please to Carolyn by 7pm on Wednesday. Email: admin@stbartsbinley.org, Tel: 07811 869594
Website: www.stbartsbinley.org

WE WELCOME all visitors to St. Bartholomew's Church and especially those who are attending for the first time. Please make yourself known to Jon the Vicar, Brian & John our churchwardens, or the Welcome Team.

OPEN DOOR

Children from preschool nursery upwards and young people will be going over to the hall with their leaders for their groups after the first hymn. Books and quiet toys are available in the Craven Chapel for babies and young children.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS

We are hoping to provide Christmas food bags again this year for families from St Bart's school. As previously if you would like to contribute there is a list at the back of church for you to select and tear off an item.

Christmas Gifts

There are labels showing boy/girl and age in a basket at the back of the church. Please select a label, and attach this to your gift.

Please return all food bags and gifts by **Sunday 15th Dec.** to allow time for these to be distributed. Thank you.

Christingle

Friday, 13th December 4.30pm

Come & Make a Christingle in the church hall.

Enjoy mince pies, tea/coffee/squash. Followed by a short service in church when we light our Christingle candles.

Donations to the Children's Society

Carol Singing – 22nd Dec 2.00pm

Join us in singing carols in 2 residential homes in our parish on Sunday 22nd December from 2pm.

Winter Night Shelter

We are supporting The Winter Night Shelter again this year. There is a donation box at the back of church to help the homeless in our city up until the end of March.

Children's Society

URGENT reminder for the return of any outstanding collection boxes. Please leave at the back of church or contact Christine on 07748245163 for Thursday 12th December DEADLINE. Thank you.

Breakfast extravaganza – NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us for a Christmas breakfast extravaganza next Sunday, **December 15th 9-10am** in the hall.

We will be serving a 'Full English' breakfast alongside the usual bacon rolls. There will also be a craft sale and lots of festive cheer. Vegetarian and gluten free options available, all proceeds to the hall project.

Please put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church to give us an idea of numbers.

MESSY CHURCH

Thank you for all donations of craft items and cakes, they are very much appreciated.

Supporting Communion

We have received some very positive comments about the way that people are now going up to the communion rail. They say that there is a more peaceful and respectful atmosphere for the part of the service that we do because Jesus himself asked us to, "Do this in remembrance of me", He said.

Jon has agreed to the setting up of a team of people to carry out this ministry. If you are willing to be part of this team please email smsampson@hotmail.com, or text on 07963 058958, so that a rota can be put in place. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Thursday

09.30 Holy Communion

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