

**St Mark's Parish Church,  
Shelfield & High Heath**

# **3rd Sunday of Advent**

**14<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**



St Mark's is part of  
**Inclusive Church**



## **Christmas Services**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December,**

8:30 am: Holy Communion at St Mark's.

10:30 am: **Carol Service at Methodist Church,  
Shelfield.**

**Christmas Eve, 11:30 pm: Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day, 10 am: Christmas Day Eucharist**



## **Please Pray...**

For all members of the church to witness to Christ's presence in the world by their charity and justice...

For all peoples of the world to live in the peace that only comes from loving their neighbour...

For those suffering injustices to be comforted and encouraged by the ministry of others

For all of us to prepare for Christmas by already recognizing the Christ in each other.



**Please pray for...** Young Andrew, Myra, Annette & family, Chris, Ann & Len, Andy's Father-in-Law, Elena, Lea, Tony & Sita, Trudi & Lauren & Josh, David & Marilyn, Michael, Matthew, Jhool, Pat, Steven, Martin Leech, Joy, Sue J., Margaret, Bridget, Trevor & Susan, Anne J., Andrew, Samantha, Natalie, Gary, Malcom C., Jonathon, Little Anna, Alice, Shelley & Bobby, Ann, Wayne, Elaine M., Alice, Samuel & his family, Winnie, Julia, Pamela, Pete, Kyle & family, Adam, Martin, Julie, Tina & Paul, Tanya & Ian & Anne & Olivia, Maurice & Margaret, Mavis, George & June, Ann, Pat, Mandy, Mike, Lianne & daughters  
**And those whose illness is more long term...**

Carol Coleman, Matt & Nicola, Lisa, Janet & Les, Ron W., Connie, Beryl, Kitty, Gill, Wyn, Marion C., Winnie A., Bettie, Alan, Chris, Karen, Steph, Jackie, Evelyn & Peter, Revd. Mike.



Lord we remember those we have loved but see no longer especially:  
**Harry**

*We Pray for All Those Who Grieve*

**Please pray for the people of Gaza & The Holy Land,  
Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen & all war zones.**



## **Lord we pray for these organisations:**

Walsall North Foodbank,  
Shelfield & High Heath Youth Support Group

*From Our Registers (November 2025)*

### ***The Departed:***

Jean Llewellyn aged 96 years



We have been invited to a Service of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Revd. Joyce Stewardson

11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at 4 p.m.

St John's, Heath Hayes, Hedgesford Road, WS12 3DZ

A large  
**Christmas Card**

is available at the back of Church  
for everyone to sign if they wish.

*Donations are for St Giles'  
Hospice Charity.*



**Daily Readings for next week...**

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 38: 1-8 & 21-22 Matthew 16: 13-end
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 38: 9-20 Matthew 17: 1-13
<b>Wednesday</b> O Sapientia, Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save The Children', 1928	Isaiah 39 Matthew 17: 14-21
<b>Thursday</b> O Adoni	Zephaniah 1: 1-2: 3 Matthew 17: 22-end
<b>Friday</b> O Radix Jesse	Zephaniah 3: 1-13 Matthew 18: 1-20
<b>Saturday</b> O Clavis David	Zephaniah 3: 14-end Matthew 18: 21-end
<b>SUNDAY</b> O Oriens <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Isaiah 7: 10-16
	Romans 1: 1-7
	Matthew 1: 18-end

**Important Notice:** NEXT Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025  
Holy Communion at 10 a.m. will be replaced by a  
Carol Service at **Shelfield Methodist Church** at 10:30 a.m.  
*All are welcome and we very much hope that you can attend.*

**A word for the week**

The poor and the broken-hearted have many faces: family members, neighbours, even the stranger in the supermarket check-out queue. Our challenge is not only to recognize them, but also to have the courage and compassion to reach out to them. In this way we testify to the presence of Christ.

In his own ministry, Jesus manifested his good works to both the deserving and un-deserving, to the poor and broken-hearted, and to the powerful and wealthy. By doing so he drew many—even outcasts—to his presence.

In our lives, we are at times the minister, and at other times we receive the ministry of others. In this exchange, the presence of Christ is strengthened in us as a community of believers testifying to the One who comes and dwells among us.

**Eve is collecting children's / baby clothes, children's shoes and baby blankets for charity.**

**For Sunnyside Dog Rescue Eve is collecting old blankets towels etc, (nothing feather and no pillows please).**



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