

## Notices for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### **Morning Communion at 10am**

All are welcome this morning as we learn all about the abundance of God's grace, with our readings being taken from John 2:1-11 and 1 Kings 17:8-16.

#### **Minster Community Launch at St Botolph's Shepshed at 4pm**

Please come along to celebrate the launch of the 'Beacon in the Forest Minster Community' and to support Adele as she is appointed as Transition Oversight Minister. The service will be led by Bishop Saju and with participants from many of our churches. We hope it will be a joyful occasion with opportunity to give thanks for past blessings and look forward in confidence and trust as we begin working together. This is an important occasion in the life of our church, so please come along if you are able. Tea and cakes will be served after the service. Please note there will be no 6pm service at St Mary's this week

### OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

#### **Godly Play Introductory Day - Saturday 17th January, 10am-4pm**

Final chance to sign up for this free introduction to Godly Play: Godly Play Introductory Day - ChurchSuite Events.. There will be the opportunity to experience a Godly Play Session, followed by two sessions exploring different story genres and ways in which the Godly Play approach may be used in different contexts. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

#### **Kerrie Love - Confirmation Service, Sunday 18th January 8.30am, Oaks in Charnwood**

Please pray for Kerrie and come along to support her if you can at the confirmation service which will be led by Bishop Saju at St James the Greater, Oaks in Charnwood this Sunday at 8.30am.

#### **Minster community choir – Sunday 18th January at 3pm at St Botolph's Shepshed**

If you would like to sing with the choir, leading the hymns at the Launch Service, please come along to St Botolph's at 3pm in order to rehearse before the service. It would be good to have people from all churches involved, so please join in if you are able.

#### **Messy Church Goes Wild - Saturday 24th January, 4-5.30pm, St Mary's**

Please join us, if you can, to welcome our local community on the day or pray for us wherever you are on Saturday afternoon. We're still looking for people willing to serve food and drinks and also for car park stewards (on 2nd Saturdays at the scout hut), if you can help out (even occasionally or on a specific date), please email [hazel@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk](mailto:hazel@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk)

#### **Supper Club Social – Sunday 25th January at 7:30pm at The Priory**

The Sunday supper social group will meet at The Priory after the evening service. All are welcome. Please talk to Vivienne Holmes for more details.

## OTHER NOTICES

### **Electoral Roll**

It is that time of year again when we need to make sure the Electoral Roll reflects the congregation of St Mary's before the APCM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be added, please email [helena@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk](mailto:helena@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk) and we will forward you the relevant form. Alternatively, please see the back of church for a hard copy should you require one. I will need to finalise the Electoral Roll by end of February/beginning of March so will need completed forms by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks, Helena Wilkinson.

### **Welcome to Clara Joy!**

Many apologies that in all the busy-ness of Christmas celebrations, I forgot to let you all know that Jasmine gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter on 23rd December, just in time to celebrate Christmas together as their new family. Congratulations to Jasmine, Aidan and big-sister Evelyn!

### **Tree decorations**

Thank you to everyone who loaned or sourced purple or pink baubles to help decorate our tree this year. For those who loaned items, your baubles will be left upstairs in the Chapter House for collection from the 11th 6pm service - please let Katherine know if she's misremembered and given you anything you don't own, or left something out! For those who sourced baubles from charity shops etc, please let Katherine know if you would like them back or if you are happy for them to be returned to the charity shop.

### **Easy Fundraising**

We are pleased to report that in the last month we have raised £20 for St Mary's through the four people who have signed up to Easy Fundraising. Please can we ask more people to consider joining? Helena is willing to help anyone unsure how to sign up – simply speak to her after a service, or contact on [helena@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk](mailto:helena@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk). Many retailers are part of the scheme and it really is very easy to sign up and to begin receiving donations for St Mary's at no extra cost as you shop online.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat – Tuesday 13th and 27th January and 10th and 24th February at 12:30-1:30**

The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese. You may have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why? To help with your understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Beth Cluer, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check in and Chat' sessions over Zoom. Join the meeting here or email [Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org) directly. You may find answers in our Minster Communities FAQs.

### **Loughborough Churches Partnership United Service – Sunday 25th January at 6.30pm**

All are welcome to attend this joint church service hosted by ONE Church at Charnwood School of Dance, 11 Wharncliffe Road, Loughborough, LE11 1SN

### **SOAR project showcase – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 7:30-9pm at All Saints Thorpe Acre**

We warmly invite you to the SOAR showcase, to hear stories about all that God is doing through the work of SOAR, where He is leading us and how you can get involved and support the work- while enjoying a pudding and fellowship! [To RSVP please click on this link.](#)

### **Friends of Launde Abbey Updates**

Information about the Launde Abbey Programme of retreats, quiet days and concerts for 2025 can be found here: <http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events>

## ADVOCATE SLOT

In January, we will be supporting *InterCare*, a registered charity aiming to save lives and alleviate suffering through sending targeted medical aid to over 100 Christian health Mission hospitals and clinics in 5 sub-Saharan African countries. Full and part time staff, as well as over 50 volunteers, in Syston support the work which has received the Queen's Award for Volunteering. The medical aid helps provide lifesaving healthcare to parts of rural Africa, in countries and areas where there are huge levels of poverty coupled with a severe lack of resources. Inter Care closely liaises and visits with their partners to ensure the patients get exactly what they need and medical aid reaches the people they are intended for.

Please pray for:

- All those who receive the free help from Inter Care, many of whom are very sick and whose families may have travelled hours on foot to get to the clinics.
- Prayers for the staff at Inter Care's Mission Partner health units, who work tirelessly to treat vulnerable patients.
- The medical aid sent reaches the destinations safely and in time.
- The 50 volunteers in Syston, who dedicate their time to support Inter Care.
- For awareness of the value and need for Inter Care's work in Africa to grow across the UK.
- For the inspiration and further development and opportunities from UK pharmaceutical industry.
- For help from the public, both in recycling and financial support.

You can find more about this charity and make a donation if you wish here:

<https://intercare.org.uk/>

*Wishing you all a Happy New Year  
from Everyone at St. Mary's Nanpantan.*