Notices for Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning Worship at 10am and Evening Communion at 6pm, both with Advocate
This Sunday at both services we will be celebrating the Festival of Christ the King, which marks the culmination of the church year. The readings are Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 25:31-46 and we will be thinking about what it means to live in the ways of God's kingdom. For the advocate slot, we look forward to welcoming Keith Munro and Chris Lewney to update us on the work of the SOAR project. There will be a group for children during the morning service.

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Christmas choir – Rehearsals beginning this Sunday, Nov 22nd updated
Do you like singing and will you be available to help lead our traditional 'Carols by Candlelight' at 6pm on Sunday December 20th? If so you might like to join our Christmas choir, beginning rehearsals on Sunday November 22nd at 11.15am after the morning service. There will be 4 rehearsals over the following Sundays and we ask that you try to attend at least 2. All ages and abilities are welcome, including children; enthusiasm and commitment more important than vocal expertise!!

Table Talk – Wednesday 25th November at 12pm at Toby Carvery new
This group warmly invites anyone who would welcome some company whether they live alone or not. It is a lovely opportunity to meet together to share lunch and chat. The meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month at the Toby Carvery, Forest Road at 12 noon. Please contact ian@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk if you would like any more details. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Messy Church Goes Wild – Saturday 28th November at 4-5:30pm new
It's our final Messy Church of the year, join us in our woodlands as we explore themes of waiting and advent and pointing the way to Jesus. Can you crack the code, follow the path and find out what bugs have to do with it? Please book here if you are able to.

Tanzania update event - Sunday 29th Nov new
Dear friends,
Many of you know that a couple of weeks ago Tricia and I were visiting our partner Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro, investigating an invitation to serve there. I would love to share some encouraging updates about what we believe God is weaving together and how you support us.



Please join me on Sunday 29th after the morning service to hear all about it and enjoy a Tanzanian lunch of beans and rice together. Approximate timing will be 11.30 updates and lunch at 12.

Mungu akubariki! (God bless you!)

Advent Carols - Sunday 29th November 6pm new

To mark the start of Advent we will be celebrating with a traditional service of readings and hymns that anticipate the coming of Jesus as King of Kings and consider our preparedness to welcome him. This is the first of our 'special' services for the Christmas season, please invite friends and family.

Christmas Craft Afternoon - Saturday 5th December, 2pm-4pm new
Once again, we will be holding a Christmas Craft Afternoon for **all ages** with quiet crafts in the Church and messy crafts in the Chapter House - after we ran out of space around the crochet table last year, we'll be making as much room as possible in the church for textile and paper crafts and would welcome more volunteers to show us how to wield a crochet hook or a needle and thread. Whether you're coming to share a skill with others or to enjoy making something to take home yourself, everyone is welcome, do please invite people along. It promises to be a festive afternoon with Christmas carols playing quietly in the background and mince pies and mulled apple juice to enjoy.

Celebration of Age Agape - Sunday 6th December at 10am new
We've celebrated the talents of our children and young people in the joyful agape services they have led for us and on *Sunday 6th December* we're looking forward to celebrating the voices and talents of our older generations. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other, across the generations, and we would love for you to be involved! Whether you'd like to share your favourite liturgy for the second Sunday of advent, share testimony on our lectionary readings of 2 Peter 3:8-15a and Mark 1:1-8 (do you have stories of waiting for God's timing that you could encourage us with?), lead the prayers and/or share a prayer practice or activity that you have found helpful, serve the bread and grape juice or share your musical talent and favourite advent hymns and songs. Please speak to Hazel about how you could be involved.

OTHER NOTICES

Jill Bedingfield updated
Please pray for the family and friends of Jill Bedingfield whose memorial service Adele will be leading at St Mary's this week.

May Hazelden updated
Please pray for Brenda Buckland and family, as they mourn the death of May, Brenda's mum. For many years May lived at Ronald West Court and was known to several members of St Mary's. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St Mary's on Wednesday December 2nd at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Experience Christmas at Holywell School new
Please pray for the team who will be going into Holywell School to present 'Experience Christmas' to children in Y4 this Monday 23rd Nov, and to Y1 the following Tuesday 1st Dec.

Project 5000 Donation Tree
We are starting to look forward to our Christmas celebrations and will be creating a donation tree for Project 5000. Items for the donation tree are tins, packets and toiletries and if you have any spare gloves, scarves and hats these are always useful. We will be collecting from the beginning of December, but if you wish to bring them any earlier that's fine as well - we can store them.

Project 5000 Hamper Appeal
Thank you to everyone who took a hamper pack, I look forward to receiving them back. Please can they be returned to church by *Sunday December 13th* so I can take them to P5000 in time for Christmas distribution. If anyone would like a pack, please let myself or Adele know and I will organise it or feel free to create your own. The packs include a box which can be used to put your items in and you can overspill into the cellophane wrapper. Please make sure all items are in date for consumption during or after the festive period and all items are individually wrapped – suggested items include Christmas puddings, crisps, chocolate and mince pies. We can help you with tying the ribbon. If you need any more information please email Pam on i1v9a2n7eva1930@gmail.com

Christmas Email updated
Please keep an eye on your inbox for the annual Christmas email which we hope to be sending out to everyone shortly. Inside you will find details of all our events and services over the next month. We are also preparing cards

and posters to advertise to the community and will be encouraging everyone to take a card or two to give to friends and neighbours.

Easy Fundraising – free donations for St Mary's! updated
As we come to the time of year when people start to splurge on Christmas gifts for loved ones, we ask that you please take a moment to sign with Easy Fundraising. This scheme has been set up and donates to charities or organisations when consumers purchase goods through their app or web browser extension. This scheme doesn't cost the person making the purchase any money and there are loads of retailers (over 8000!) involved, including department stores, individual brands, travel and hotel websites, and even most supermarkets. So while we try not to encourage overconsumption, if you are making a purchase anyway please think of us and check whether the retailer you are buying from has signed up to the scheme.
You can sign up using your computer or by downloading the app on your phone. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to create an account and support us by selecting 'St Mary's Church, Nanpantan' as your cause, or download the Easy Fundraising app on your phone from the app store. If you need any help with this, or have any questions, please speak to a member of the PCC who will be able to assist you – or point you in the direction of someone who can!
This month we have received £34.42 and from now until the 29th November, for every person who signs up St Mary's will receive a £2 bonus!!

Woodland Appeal updated
The necessary maintenance work in our woodland will be taking place in the week beginning December 14th and the woodland will therefore be closed for this time. We would still be very grateful for any donations to help meet the cost, no matter how big or small and have set up a Woodland Appeal which you can access here, or on our website.

Rotas updated
We are looking for some more morning welcomers and people to help with evening refreshments. If you are interested, please let Adele or Kirsty know. Additionally, if those of you on the rotas already could take the time before the *Friday 27th November* to fill in your availability on Churchsuite or email kirsty@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk I would really appreciate it. Thank you 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christian Aid Coffee Morning – Saturday 21st November 10:30-12:30 at Loughborough Baptist Church
You are invited to join the Baptist Church on Baxtergate for their coffee morning in aid of Christian Aid. There promises to be hot drink, some scrumptious cakes and plenty of books to buy. See here for the poster and more information.

St Botolph's Christmas Market – Friday 27th November 2-4pm and Saturday 28th November 11-3pm at St Botolph's Church Hall new
You are invited to join everyone at St Botolph's Christmas market. For more information, please click here for the poster.

Christmas Tree Festival – Friday 27th Nov to Saturday 5th Dec at All Saints Loughborough new
You are invited to join in the many festivities on offer at All Saints during their Christmas Tree Festival this year. The are several free activities to choose from and some ticketed concerts priced from £5. To have a look what is on offer please see here and here.

Scouts Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November 2-4pm at Nanpantan Scout Hut
Come along and support the Scouts at their Christmas Fayre. There'll be crafts, gifts, tombolas and more, and it's free to enter! Click here for the poster.

Glass Fusion Workshop – Sunday 29th November 2-4pm at Nanpantan Scout Hut
Did you enjoy our glass fusion workshop? Maybe you were sad you missed it? Here's another opportunity. Scouts Dhru and Jasmine are running a workshop to raise funds for their World Scout Jamboree Fundraiser. It costs £20 to make a tree or a robin and refreshments are included. For more information, or to book onto the event, see here for the poster.

Friends of Launde Abbey Updates
Information about the Launde Abbey Programme of retreats, quiet days and concerts for 2026 can be found here: http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events

ADVOCATE SLOT

Our charity for November is SOAR.
The SOAR Project is a Christian organisation that exists to take the good news of Jesus to the children, young people and families of North Leicestershire. www.soarproject.org.uk

We pray for**:**

- God's increased provision and blessings upon the work of SOAR
- New doors to open in local schools and continued favour with those who we work with
- Deepening relationships and partnerships with local churches
- For the many households that have received a Luke's gospel through the door to door in our Gospel outreach, we pray for open hearts
- Chris and local youth leaders as they seek to engage with secondary schools. Pray for unity amongst the team, for vision and open doors.
- The growing support of SOAR that we might see this work expand to more communities and schools reaching children, young people and families with the Good News of Jesus.