

Liturgical Colour for Advent is Purple

# LIGHT *At The* DOOR

Welcome to the Weekly Newsletter for The Bain Valley & Woodhall Spa Group of Churches

Paul Brewster has added to his already very comprehensive CV as chair of local school governing bodies, and being on various diocesan committees including the board of education, and most recently as a member of the House of Laity on General Synod. Paul has now been appointed by Bishop Steven, as the chair of the LDTBF. The decision was ratified by Lincoln Diocesan Synod with effect from on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. I am truly delighted as Paul works very hard at the grass roots level of the diocese as a churchwarden and so brings a wealth of compassion and understanding about what life is like for us all as we respond to the many financial, and resource driven demands on our ten rural parish churches.



## ADVENT SUNDAY

30th November

The only service is at  
St Peter's Woodhall Spa - 11am

### Collect for Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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**PATCH**  
MEN'S SHED  
BUCKNALL

**VILLAGE  
HALL**  
6.30 - 9pm

**Thursday 27 November**  
**Thursday 11 December**  
**Tuesday 16 December**

### St Peter's Church Woodhall Spa Christmas Tree Festival

10am-4pm Saturday 13th December

midday-4pm Sunday 14th December

In collaboration with local businesses  
schools and community organisations

### Bucknall Village Hall Monday Community Hub

9:30am - 11am All welcome It's just £1 for tea & cake

Monday's Community Hub raises funds for St. Margaret's Church



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**The PCC and the Priest in Charge are deeply saddened and truly sorry that St Michael's Coningsby is closed for the Christmas season because we need to make essential repairs**

St Peter's Choir have grown in number in the past year. They have grown in confidence and further developed their skills under the care and tuition of Alan Underwood our musical director. Yesterday the congregation were treated to a demonstration of all that they can offer as they lead us in our musical worship. I was stunned by their rendition of Goodall's 'The Lord is My Shepherd. Ladies, the strength and the joy in your faith shines through as a light in the darkness as you sing.



A huge Thank you to Alan for all that you offer in your musical ministry you are an inspirational music director. We are so privileged to have you and your choir. You bring joy to us all.

Isaiah 2.1-5 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! This is the word of the Lord.

Romans 13.11-end Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. This is the word of the Lord.

Matthew 24.36-44 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen