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

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December services

9.30am Eucharist Holy Trinity Tattershall Revd Sall
9.30am Morning Prayer St Margaret's Bucknall - Wardens
11am Choral Morning Prayer St Peter's Woodhall Spa
ALM Paul and the choir under the direction of Alan

CAROL SERVICE with the Choir & Alan St Margaret's Langton at 3pm

Carols by Candlelight
with Banovallum Silver Band
6pm
Holy Trinity Church Tattershall
Entrance Fee
£6 adult £2 child £16 family

### Collect for Advent 2

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.



## 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. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to take part. There will be refreshments and children's Christmas crafts over the weekend.

All welcome to the family Eucharist
service at 11.00am



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Bucknall Village Hall 6.30 - 9pm Thursday 11 Dec Tuesday 16 Dec

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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Last Saturday a Christmas Fayre was held in Tattershall. The combined resources of the parish council and the church put on a fabulous day. The village hall and the church were set up as market places and we had craft stalls and church stalls. Andrew Price played a selection of carols on the organ in church and the tea bar put on seasonal refreshments. It was a brilliant day we saw 100s of people through our doors. Afterwards Revd Sall went blessed the village Christmas tree after Santa performed the big switch on and we were entertained by Aurora performing arts who also sang in church. We are definitely doing it all again!!.

Isaiah 11.1-10 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### Psalm 72

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Romans 15.4-13 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3.1-12 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

