

Liturgical Colour for Advent is Purple Advent 3 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December celebrating the Patriarchs

# LIGHT *At The* DOOR

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



**St Margaret's Bucknall Carol Service**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**  
**seasonal refreshments after**

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December services

9.30am Morning Prayer Sheila and Wardens

9.30am Eucharist Horsington Revd Sall

11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa Revd Sall

Kirkstead St Leonards at 3pm

**CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight**  
**with the Choir & Alan**

**Carols by Candlelight**  
**with Banovallum Silver Band**  
**was fabulous in the candlelit**  
**Holy Trinity Church Tattershall**



We were called to worship by the splendid Coningsby & Tattershall team of church bell ringers under captain Tess - many thanks to them for the excellent ringing.

It set us up for the evening to come. Tina and Shane

kept the refreshments flowing. Sheila and David put together the programme of bible readings, poems and other seasonal readings, which were read by members of the 'ALM to be' team and Revd Barbara. Becs family sang 'The prayer', and the little ones in the congregation gathered at the front to sing 'away in a manger' gently accompanied by the brass band. It was brilliant evening, so many thanks to everyone who played a part and not forgetting the team who set the church up and lit the candles and who started the process of reordering the church for the schools to come in for their carol services.



**Bucknall Village Hall 6.30 - 9pm**

**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

## Collect for Advent 3

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.



## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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with local businesses  
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# Christmas Tree Festival



*Peter's Church Woodhall Spa*  
*13 December 10am to 4pm*  
*14 December Midday to 4pm*



**Children's Crafts**  
**Refreshments**





*Carol and Crib Services*  
*Woodhall Spa and Bain Valley groups*

*CAROL SERVICES*

*6th Dec Holy Trinity Tattershall 6pm*  
*7th Dec St Margaret's Langton 3pm*  
*13th Dec St Margaret's Bucknall 6pm*  
*14th Dec Kirkstead St Leonard's 3pm*  
*16th Dec Stixwold St Peter's 6pm*  
*18th Dec Roughton St Margaret's 7pm*  
*19th Dec Woodhall Spa St Peter's 6pm*  
*20th Dec Horsington All Saints 6pm*  
*21st Dec St Peter's Stixwold Nativity 3pm*  
*21st Dec St Mary's Kirkby on Bain 7pm*

*Crib Services 24th December*

*2pm Horsington All Saints 5pm St Margaret's Bucknall*  
*6pm Woodhall Spa St Peter's*

*MIDNIGHT MASS 24th DECEMBER*

*8pm Kirkby on Bain St Mary's*  
*10pm Woodhall Spa St Peter's*

*Christmas Day Eucharists & Morning Prayer*

*9.15am*

*Eucharist Langton St Mary*  
*Morning Prayer Bucknall St Margaret's*

*10am*

*Eucharist Woodhall Spa St Peter's*

**To stick on your fridge door so you don't miss a service**

Isaiah 35.1-10 The Return of the Redeemed to Zion The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

No Psalm this week it is the Canticle: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

James 5.7-10 Patience in Suffering Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11.2-11 Messengers from John the Baptist When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.