

Liturgical Colour for Advent is Purple Advent 4 Sunday 21st December celebrating Mary

LIGHT *At The* DOOR

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



CAROL SERVICES

16th December 6pm

St Peter's Stixwold

18th December 7pm

St Margaret's Roughton

19th December 6pm

St Peter's Woodhall Spa

20th December 6pm

All Saints Horsington

Collect for Advent 4
God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin
Mary

to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his
coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 21st December services

9.30am Eucharist St at Tattersghall Holy Trinity
(for St Michael's) - Revd Sall

11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa
Revd Sall

3pm Nativity and Carols
St Peter's Stixwold

Carol Service St Mary's Kirkby on Bain 7pm



SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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Wednesday 9.30am services

last one this year is this week 17 December

First service in 2026

Wednesday 7th January



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

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Thank you to our
amazing
local businesses
community groups
and organisations



Christmas Tree Festival



St Peter's Church Woodhall Spa
The trees are remaining up in church to
continue bringing light and joy



church open daily
10am to 3pm



Crib Services

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

9.15am Eucharist Langton St Mary or Morning Prayer Bucknall St Margaret's

10am Eucharist Woodhall Spa St Peter's

Isaiah 7.10-16 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Psalm 80

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1.18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.