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**Sunday 10th December 2017**

**We Welcome You!**

**Today is THE SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**Today's readings:**

**Isaiah 40. 1 - 11,**

**Psalm 85.1 - 2, 8 - end,**

**2 Peter 3.8 - 15a,**

**Mark 1.1 - 8**

**Collect for Today:**

**God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**ADVENT - 2 - LIGHT**

**A candle burns, the sign of your Word.**

**God of the prophets, come to us again this Advent.**

**May your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.**



This is a communion service where we share bread and wine together. Everyone is welcome to receive but if you would rather not then please come forward for a blessing instead. Children who have been baptised are also able to receive from the age of four. The bread we use is baked by hand and contains gluten, wheat and yeast. If you need rice cake please tell one of the people who welcomed you.



If you have come here with needs or anxieties and you would like someone to pray with you, for yourself or for someone else, there will be someone by the war memorial in church during communion who will be very happy to listen and pray. And if you would like us all to pray for someone in the intercessions, just add the name in the book on the wooden lectern by the glass doors.

## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017**

*And other opportunities to sing carols*

**Sunday 10th December 6pm - Advent Reflection**

**Saturday 16th December 12noon-1pm – Christian Aid Carols -  
Tesco - St Oswald's branch**

**Sunday 17th December 6pm - Carols by Candlelight**

**Thursday 21st December 7pm - Carols at The Avenue Pub**

**Saturday 23rd December 4pm - Carols at St Paul's Residential  
Home**

**Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**

**4pm - Crib Service**

**11.30pm - Midnight Mass**

**Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)**

**9am - Holy Communion for All**

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER - 6PM-8PM**

We are going to be holding a **Christmas party** for anyone and everyone on the above date. There will be games to play and fun to be had for all ages. **Food will be bring and share** so please do bring anything you would like to eat or something you think others would enjoy.

**WANTED: MINCE PIES** Would you kindly help us by **donating mince pies** as refreshments for after the **Carol Service, 6 pm on Sunday 17th**. Church will provide mulled wine and non-alcoholic drinks.

**THE RECORD KEEPING BOOK** which is kept in the **kitchen** to **record food and fridge temperature has gone missing** and needs to be returned as soon as possible. **It is an A5 size notebook which is kept in a red plastic popper file**. If anyone knows the whereabouts of it please can you let **Ruth Parsons** know.

**SUNDAY LINK** This Autumn the weekly **Sunday Link** has reached the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the first publication and to mark the occasion, Redemption Publications have issued a special **The Best of Sunday Link Magazine**. If you would like to buy a copy for **£2.70** please speak to **Rev. Ruth or Margaret Steele**

**CAROLS FOR CHRISTIAN AID** The **Carols for Christian Aid** this year will be on **Saturday 16th December at Tesco, St. Oswalds. Our slot is 12 - 1 pm.** Please join us to raise funds for and the profile of **CHRISTIAN AID**. The government will double all we raise.

**REV MATT COTTRELL** **Matt** has now come to the end of his year with us and **Bishop Rachel has signed him off from his curacy.** This now means that **Matt**, his wife, **Fii** and little one, **Gethin** will be able to search for where God would like them to go next. Therefore, we will say an **official goodbye to Matt on Sunday 31st December** with a **bring and share lunch after the 10am service.** Please do sign up on the sheet in the hall to let us know what you might bring and then we will hopefully end up with a good spread.

### Church Family Dates

**Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Allen and Leroy Henry (today) Mavis and Lascelle Anderson (Wednesday) and Hari Anton Nair ( Saturday) blessings for the Yearsmind of Ian Clarke (Tuesday), Warren Hale ( Friday) and Jane Thompson (Saturday)**

**Duties today 10/12/2017: Reader:** Lillian, **Prayer:** Jan **Sidesperson:** Julie and Mike **Praying Together:**Ruth P, **Chalice:** Jackie and Helen M, **Cross:** Jan, **Vergger:** Jan , **OHP:** Linda **Coffee:** Julie and friends

**Duties next week 17/12/2017: Reader:** Margy, **Prayer:** Maria, **Sidesperson:** Jane and Lillian, **Praying Together:** Marion **Chalice:** Maria and Dim **Cross:** Alice, **Vergger:** Jackie, **OHP:** Lynda **Coffee:** Jackie and family

**Readings Next Week: 17th December ADVENT 3**

**Isaiah 61.1 - 4, 8 - end, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5.16 - 24,**

**John 1.6 - 8, 19 - 28**

**Next Week**    Morning Prayer:    Monday - Tuesday -  
Wednesday 8.30 am

<b>Sunday 10th</b> <b>ADVENT 2 LIGHT</b>	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Advent Reflection
<b>Monday 11th</b>	6.00pm 7.00pm  2.00 - 3.30pm	Brownies Linden Community Singers Tredworth School
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	8.50am 10.00am 2.00 - 3.30pm 6.00pm	Lectio Divina Tiny Tunes Tredworth School Open Church
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	7.30pm	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	10.00am 10.45am	Holy Communion Coffee and Company
<b>Friday 15th</b>	2.00pm	Young at Heart
<b>Saturday 16th</b>	9.00am - 12.00 noon  11.00am - 1.30pm ( Our slot 12 - 1 )	Gloucester Child Care Centre Carols at Tesco's St Oswalds
<b>Sunday 17th</b> <b>ADVENT 3 FAITH</b>	8.00am 10.00am 6.00 - 8.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Carols with mince pies

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