

PRAYER



If you would like private prayer after any of our services, please speak to one of the clergy team who will be pleased to pray with you.

MONDAY PRAYERS

Please join us at 7pm on Monday evenings in Church when we pray for the needs of others, our community, our church and the world.

BOOK OF HEALING

If you would like us to pray for anyone you know who is ill at this time or in any kind of need, please feel free to write their names in the Book of Healing and we will pray for them.

BEREAVEMENT

Our love and prayers go to all those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Sharon Addy, James Seddon and Gillian Lowe.

PRAYER LETTERS

Prayer letters (*available on the bookstall*) are produced monthly to help you in your daily quiet time to pray for the life and witness of our Church. Thank you for your prayers.

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"

Monday 4th December

1-3pm **WOOL N CHAT** - Church Hall

7pm **PRAYER MEETING** - Please join us as we pray for our world, our community and our church - Church

8pm **ADVENT MEDITATION** - Church

8.15pm **BAPTISM PREPARATION** - Church

Tuesday 5th December

10.30am **TUESDAY SHOPPERS SERVICE** - Will be a service of prayer for healing with the offer of anointing followed by optional light lunch. Tea & coffee available before and after the service. All welcome.

6.30pm **FIRM ROOTS CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - Church Hall

Wednesday 6th December

9.30am **LITTLE LAMBS** - Church Hall

Thursday 7th December

7.30am Meeting for **PRAYER**. Please contact Sandra & John McCall (893452) for the location this week.

7.30pm **ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE EVENING** - Church

Friday 8th December

7.30pm **MEN'S FELLASHIP** - The Packet House

Saturday 9th December

2pm **ACTS GROUP** - Church Hall

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This Week

Diary dates & news

Permission has been given for us to begin the process of finding our next vicar. This may take some time, therefore we would ask for your support and prayers as we progress with this process to its conclusion.

Please pick up a leaflet about the SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST initiative and support a good cause. A post box for your cards will be available in the west end.



Tuesday Shoppers Service on the 5th December will be a service of prayer for healing lead by Rev Eileen Heaney with an offer of anointing with oil, followed by an optional light lunch. Join us for tea or coffee before or after the service. All welcome.

Men's Fellowship are meeting on Friday 8th December at 7.30pm at the The Packet House, Burscough. All fella's over 18 are welcome and feel free to invite your friends along too.



FIRM ROOTS, CHRISTIAN RETREAT DAY. Friday 8th December 10-4pm. A quiet day for anyone affected by cancer. Lunch & refresh provided. No cost but booking is essential. Please see the flyer at the back of Church in the West End for more information.

Is life getting you down? Do you need motivation and the opportunity to try new experiences and meet new friends? Are you over 18 years of age? Then why not think about coming along to the next **ACTS GROUP** meeting on **Saturday 9th December from 2-4pm for a "Christmas Get Together"** For further information please contact Jeannie Holman (01704 892183).

We warmly invite you to come **Carol Singing** on **Wednesday 13th December** starting at 6pm. If you would like to join us, **please sign up on the sheet in the West End.**



LITTLE LAMBS NATIVITY WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 9.30AM IN CHURCH. EVERYONE WELCOME

Ormskirk Music Society are performing their Christmas Concert on **Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm in Church.**



Resound Community Choir are performing at St Johns on **Thursday 21st December at 8pm, with Celebrate! The music of Christmas.** Tickets available at the parish office.

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Church is open for
refreshments or quiet prayer
Mon-Fri 10 - 11.30am



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who generously give financially to the work and witness of our church. If you would like details on how you can give, please contact **Peter Dorling, Hon.Treasurer: 891612.**

Gift Aid Declarations and Standing Order Mandates are available in the West End and on our website.

Did you know you can now support our Church's mission and ministry by giving via your mobile? Just text **SJBC88 £5 to 70070.** Or you can replace the £5 with £1, £2, £3, £4 or £10. See the poster in the West End for further details. Many thanks. Peter.

CHURCH FLOWERS - If you would like flowers arranging in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please sign the rota on the noticeboard in the West End or speak to Jean **01704 892566.** Thank you.

"THE BRIDGE" magazine 50p, term cards, text cards, plus a selection of Christian cards are available in the West End.



Sunday 10th December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

Toy Service
9am Holy Communion
11am Contemporary Worship
7pm Contemporary Carols

6.30pm Carol Service with Anthems by the
Choir



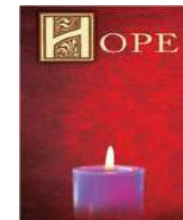
St. John's News

Sunday 3rd December 2017
Isaiah 9: 1-6

First Sunday of Advent
John 1:1-18

Welcome to our Services

9am Holy Communion
11am Contemporary Worship
7pm Evening Worship



Services at our Mission Church of St. Andrew's, Crabtree:
3pm Carols & Holy Communion, 6pm Evening Prayer

A staffed crèche is available in church for children aged 3 and under only. Please feel free to bring your child over at any time. If your child is new to crèche, please complete a registration form. In service activity bags are also available for children who may feel restless during the service (green bags at the back of church – orange ones for babies). There will be no crèche during All Age services.

Hoscar at Crabtree on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm, will be having their Carol Service with Holy Communion. St Andrews Crabtree will be holding a Carol Service with Anthems by the choir on Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm All Welcome.



TOY SERVICE SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Will we be receiving gifts that will be donated to the Rock FM Mission Christmas Cash for Kids Appeal. We are looking for new and unwrapped gifts suitable for children and young people aged 0-18years. Please see the West End notice board for some ideas.

Thank you for your generosity in donating food on a regular basis to Skelmersdale & District Foodbank. Your gifts of food help stop local people going hungry. Anything else will be gladly received, but toiletries of any description are needed. Items can be placed in the plastic box by the bookstall in the West End. If collection is needed please contact David Orritt, tel 892566. Thank you.