

This week ...

TODAY		Fairtrade stall after the 9am and 11am services
	12.30pm	Lunch Aid , 253 Liverpool Road South
	6.30pm	Carol Service at St Andrew's Crabtree
Mon 10th	1-3pm	Wool n' Chat in the Church Hall
	Afternoon	Burscough Village Primary Nativity in church
	6pm	Burscough Village Primary Concert in church
	7pm	Prayer meeting CANCELLED
	8pm	BSL choir in the Church Hall
Tues 11th	10.30am	Shoppers Service 40 mins of reflective worship
Weds 12th	9.30am	Little Lambs Nativity in Church
	6.30pm	Carol singing in local care homes—see notice
	8pm	The Space — quiet time of peace, in church
Thurs 13th	7.30am	Prayer meeting. Contact the Rimmers 893056
	5.30pm	Lordsgate School Nativity in church
Fri 14th	2.30pm	St John's School Carol Service in church
Sun 16th	11am	Carols and Nativity — see notice
	7pm	Carols by candlelight

Bookstall — A small selection of Christmas cards, Christian books (for both adults and children), Advent calendars etc. have been acquired from the Christian Bookshop in Southport and are available for purchase from our bookstall. Please feel free to browse. Orders can also be taken for any Christian book, CD, DVD etc. please speak to Jean Orritt (892566).

Time for us — next meeting details

Are you or have you cared for someone with Dementia? Come and join others who understand, for lunch on the last Weds of the month, 12-2pm, at the Lathom Slipway. Ring Diane Edwards on 896831 for more details. Please note that as this falls on Boxing Day in December, the next meeting will be the last Weds in January - 30.01.19.



Christmas matters...

Wednesday 12th December Carol Singing—Volunteers needed
Please see Jane Taylor or Christine Spencer.

Christingle date and TIMES

To accommodate large numbers of people wanting to join in the celebration, this year we will have **two Christingle** services, one at 4pm and one at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Come along and bring a friend! **Help is wanted** on Sunday 23rd Dec after the 11am service to make the christingles, the more the merrier!



Dress as a Nativity Character Sunday — 16th Dec

Choose who you want to be! No-one too young or too old to take part.



Christmas Jumper Day — change of date!

Christmas Jumper in Church Day will be **Sunday 23rd Dec** there will be prizes and much admiration of jumpers.



Family Film afternoon 'The Star' Saturday 22nd Dec

4:00-6:30pm, in church. Bring your own snacks and beanbags

Scout Post

Stamps to purchase and the post box are in the west end NOW. Last collection day 21st Dec.



After Christmas church will be open for tea/coffee/lunch and cake (donation optional) on Thursday 27th December and Friday 28th between 10-1pm and again on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January. Do come along for a chance to chat and catch up.



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Bereavement

Our love and prayers go to all who have recently lost loved ones.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' Matt 5 v 4



FLOWERS 2018 A big thank you to everyone who has generously donated money throughout this year to enable fresh flowers to be placed in our church. These are an aid to worship of our God and certainly bring much joy and pleasure to all. Thank you too to our team of flower arrangers. If anyone would like to help in this ministry, please have a word with Jean Orritt (892566). A new rota for 2019 has been posted on the noticeboard in the West End. If you would like flowers arranging in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an anniversary or birthday, please sign up. Thank you.



CONTACT US:

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9am - 1pm

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Find us on Facebook : St John's Burscough

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



St. John's Parish News

'Knowing, Growing in and Sharing Jesus' Love
in Burscough and Beyond.'

Sunday 9th December

Advent 2

Welcome to our services today

@ St John the Baptist

9am Holy Communion

11am Contemporary Worship

7pm Evening service

@ St Andrew's, Crabtree

6.30pm Carol Service

Theme — Mary

Bible reading : Luke 1:26—38

(p1026 in the pew bibles)



Heaven Sent Live Nativity TODAY 2-6pm

Kirkby Christian Fellowship, Old Rough Lane,
Kirkby L330YL (Kirkby Town Centre,
diagonally opposite McDonalds) Bring the
family to this 'live nativity' Free of charge.



The Space — Weds 12th Dec 8pm in Church

Why not plan in a little 'space' in the busyness of
December for a quiet hour of peace and
wholeness?



Mince pies needed for next weeks Carol Services (16th)

Please contact Anne Rimmer tel.893056 if you could help
with this.

