

This week ...

TODAY		Fairtrade stall after the 9am and 11am services
	6.30pm	Traditional Candlelit Carol Service
Mon 17th	1-3pm	Wool n' Chat in the Church Hall
	6pm	Lordsgate Junior Carol Concert
	7pm	Prayer meeting — Church Hall
Tues 18th	10.30am	Shoppers Service Carol Service
Weds 19th	9.30am	Little Lambs Christmas Party — Church Hall
Thurs 20th	7.30am	Prayer meeting. Contact the Rimmers 893056
	8pm	Resound Community Choir Christmas Concert
Fri 21st	10.30am	Burscough Village Primary School Nativity
	1.30pm	St John's School Nativity

Bookstall — A small selection of Christmas cards, Christian books (for both adults and children) 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).

January Service Rota — now available in the west End for those without computers/printers.

Thank you from the Ugandan 2020 team

We would just like to say a massive thank you to everybody who bought cakes from the Ugandan 2020 team over the past two weekends. We have made an amazing grand total of £725.12, which wouldn't have been possible without everybody's contributions (whether that be buying or making cakes).

If anyone would like to order any of the cakes that you have seen at any of the cake sales please contact joanna.marshall@st.johns-burscough.org.

Coming up:

Friday 18th January 7:30pm start

Quiz night at The Wharf (The Arts Centre,) tickets £5

- all monies raised will go to funding our trip to Uganda in 2020, please contact any of the team to get your tickets.



Christmas matters...

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!



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.

Christmas Jumper Day NEXT SUNDAY

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



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.



Leftover from Remembrance commemorations...we have one unclaimed patio stand in the office, please would the owner collect it (before summer!)

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Bereavement

Our love and prayers go to all who have recently lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Brenda Gardner.

'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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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 16th December

Advent 3

Welcome to our services today

@ St John the Baptist

9am Holy Communion

11am Carols and Nativity

7pm Traditional Candlelit Carols

@ St Andrew's, Crabtree

6.30pm BCP Holy Communion

Bible reading at 9am and 7pm : Matthew 1:18-25
(p965 in the pew bibles)



Adults with children...

All welcome to the Family Film afternoon

'The Star' Saturday 22nd Dec

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



Christingle Services at St John's

This year we have two Christingle services on Christmas
Eve at 4pm and 6pm. Choose whichever time fits your
Christmas Eve best. All very welcome, bring the whole
family.



Blue Christmas — Sunday 23rd December @7pm

A quiet and reflective service for those who find the
festivities of Christmas a challenging time.

