

This news has been passed on to the flower arrangers and others who work hard to make everything happen smoothly and with the care that always goes into our worship. We are still asking for donations to help us decorate the hall and church for our worship. Any money left will be used to build up a flower fund for use at other times.

Our Carol Service on the 17th at 6.30pm in the Hall should not be missed with items from the choir and other singers we also have a small Brass Ensemble to play for us (*just like the Salvation Army*).

refreshments will be served afterwards! [Volunteers please for mince pies etc. Readers and Tea Coffee and maybe the bar?](#)

[We also need volunteers to steward the car parking and church for the Christingle on Christmass Eve](#) - Tell the wardens if you can help in anyway!

At this present time we are moving forward and making every effort to get the heating system renewed early in the New Year. Please do not let your support flag in anyway and make this the best Christmass Ever as we celebrate OUR SAVIOURS BIRTH.

For Your Prayers

Sick & Housebound: Margaret Aldridge, Canon Matthew Baines, Alan Bamford, Margaret & Cliff Brazier, Bryan Brookes, Lyn Brooks, Vicky Bullows, Martin Chandler, Mac & Len Colbourne, [Megan College](#), [John Connochie](#), Lauren & John Colledge, Beryl Cook, Lyn Cooney, Emily Cousland-Penn, [Ivan Crowe](#), Val Dallaway, Madeline Darby, Joyce Davies, [Alisha and Kelly Dixon](#), Leon Gilson, Lesley Griffiths, [Sid Griffiths](#), [Wilf Griffiths](#), Andy Guest, Joan Halford, [Christine Hartshorne](#), [Jenny Hughes](#), Pat Hulse, Beryl Hunt, [Dorothy Humphriss](#), [Eunice Jackson](#), Karen Jones, [Steven Knott](#), [June & John Latham](#), Joyce & Hal Loach, Brandon Long, [Pete Marsh](#), [Helen, Lindy & Mark Massey](#), [Angela Macaulay](#), Betty Miller, [Audrey Norris](#), [Rosemary Oakley](#), Nathan Parker, Kath Payne, Edna Price, [Stan Reeves](#), [Baby Isaac Rickett](#), [Margaret Roberts](#), [Hazel Saxon](#), [Bill Shepherd](#), [Gerald Smith](#), [Jacob Smith](#), Joanne Smith, [Pauline Smith](#), [Dorothy Spalding](#), [Marjorie & Ray Stevens](#), Joan Stringer, [Pat & Christine Taylor](#), [Paul Thomas](#), Les Waldron, Billy & Doreen Ward, Beryl Ward, Carol Ward, Diane Williams, Val & Les Wilson, Brenda Wood.

Recently Departed: Roger Brindley

Years Mind: 10th - Audrey Davies, Margaret Piper; 11th - Jeff Blest, Joan Clarke, Louis Eades, Christopher Eggington; 12th - Sara Haynes; 13th - Doris Guest, Bill Scriven; 14th - Norman Roberts, Margaret Simcox; 15th - Willoughby Allway; 16th - Lillian Burgwin, Daniel Connochie.

Birthdays: 10th - Alex Hodgetts; 12th - Jayne Aldridge.

Residents in Care Homes: Doris Barnes (The Firs); Lynda Blakemore (Castlewellan); Mavis Douglass (Park Lane); Pat Eades, (Woodlands); Josie Fiske, Beacon (Centre); Pat Hill (Island Court), Barbara Jones (Oak Court); Pearl Wardhough (Camelot Rest Home); Floss Webb (Lime Tree Court).

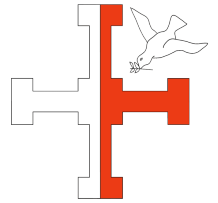
OHMS: Lee Bullows, Amy Chambers, Ebony Churchill, Ian Day, Greg Dunson, Scott Sabin, Neil Skett, Fr Michael Wagstaff, Craig Ward, Nathan Yates.

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St Chad's, Coseley Sunday Bulletin

ADVENT 2

Sunday 10th December 2017



To Know Christ & make Christ Known through
Worship, Outreach, Caring & Education

2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship in the Hall

Readings: [Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11](#); [Psalm 85: 9-14](#); [2 Peter 3: 8-14](#); [St Mark 1: 1-8](#).

8.30am

Low Mass

10.15am

Family Mass

4.00pm

Dedication of the Christmass Tree of Thought in the Church

Monday 11th

Monday of the 2nd week of Advent

7.30pm

Praying through the Scriptures venue tba

Tuesday 12th

Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent

9.40am

Art Group in the Hall

Friendship Circle Christmas Lunch

6.00pm

Slim4Good in the Hall

7.00pm

Line Dancing in the Hall

Wednesday 13th

Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

9.00am

Low Mass

9.30am

Busy Babies in the Hall

1.30pm

Zumba Gold beginners' class in the Hall

7.30pm

Ballroom Dancing in the Hall

Thursday 14th

Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

9.40am

Art Group in the Hall

Friday 15th

Friday of the 2nd week of Advent

2.00pm

Christmas Pop-up Choir Practice at the Vicarage

Saturday 16th

Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent

9.30am

Low Mass

8.00pm

1940's Christmas Party Night in the Hall

Sunday 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship in the Hall

Readings: [Isaiah 61: 1-2,10-11](#); [St Luke 1: 46-50,53-54](#); [1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24](#); [St John 1: 6-8,19-28](#).

8.30am

Low Mass

10.15am

Family Mass

6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Key for St Chad's is Available at 3 Oak Street

Church Hall Hire:

For Hiring the Church Hall - ring Claire Love on Monday or Wednesdays evenings only from 7.00pm - 9.00pm on 07749 888864. I will pass on any Email you send to me on alan.howes.49@gmail.com

Worship Today

Collect:

With tender comfort and transforming power you come into our midst, O God of mercy and might. Make ready a way in the wilderness, clear a straight path in our hearts, and form us into a repentant people, that the advent of your Son may find us watchful and eager for the glory he reveals. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11

Roger Morgan

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 85: 9-14.

Paul Love

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Margaret Harris

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The

Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: St Luke 3: 4,6.

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: St Mark 1: 1-8

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICE BOARD

Christmass Tree of Thought

Remembering loved ones at Christmass. The tree is set up in the Church Hall this year and you are invited to donate at least £1 for the Compton Hospice. In return we will put a Bauble with your loved ones name on it on the tree. The Service will be held in the Church on Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm.

Friendship Circle

Christmas Meal Tuesday December 12th.

Social Club Events

Wartime Christmas Evening with the Wulfruna Ladies Choir: Saturday 16th December at 8.00pm tickets £7.50p each including Supper

All tickets from: Carol and John Wardell 01902 671710 or 07770976817.

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After a COLD Baptism in Church on Sunday afternoon the Wardens and myself have made the decision that we shall use the Hall for all our Christmass Worship. This will exclude The Tree of Remembrance Service as the hall has a previous booking at 1.30pm and the Christingle on Christmass Eve at 5.00pm as last year we had approx. 230 people and we will not find the space in the Hall if as in other years our congregation continues to grow. *Note you may seriously consider walking to church whenever it's possible.*