

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: 18th - Doris Nunn; 19th - Alice Cartwright, Kieran Cooper, Arthur Evans, Annie Worrall; 20th - Barbara Guise, Wilfred Kidson; 21st - Gladys Bayley, June Jones; 22nd - Donald Garner, Fred Priest; 23rd - Joan Allen, Isaac Baker, Hilda Bamford, Joyce Botterel; 24th - Sharon Connochie.

Birthdays: 23rd - Margaret Harris.

Wedding Anniversary: 23rd - Claire & Paul Love.

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.

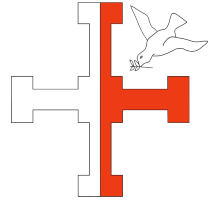
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St Chad's, Coseley Sunday Bulletin

ADVENT 3

Sunday 17th December 2017

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



Sunday 17th

Worship in the Hall

8.30am
10.15am
6.30pm

Monday 18th

7.30pm

Tuesday 19th

9.40am
6.00pm
7.00pm

Wednesday 20th

9.00am
9.30am
7.30pm

Thursday 21st

9.40am

Friday 22nd

Saturday 23rd

9.30am

Sunday 24th

Worship in the Hall

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Psalm 89:2-5,27,29; Romans 16:25-27; St Luke 1:26-38.

9.30am
5.00pm
11.00pm

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm 96:1-3,11-13; Titus 2:11-14; St Luke 2:1-14.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Low Mass
Family Mass
Carols by Candlelight

Monday of the 3rd week of Advent

Praying through the Scriptures venue tba

St Wulfstan, Bishop

Art Group in Hall
Slim4Good in the Hall
Line Dancing in the Hall

Wednesday of the 3rd week of Advent

Requiem Mass
Busy Babies in the Hall
Ballroom Dancing in the Hall

Thursday of the 3rd week of Advent

Art Group in the Hall

Friday of the 3rd week of Advent

Saturday of the 3rd week of Advent

Low Mass

4th Sunday of Advent

Family Mass
Christingle Service
Midnight Mass with Carols

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:

O God, most high and most near, you send glad tidings to the lowly, you hide your face from the poor; those who dwell in darkness you call into the light. Take away our blindness, remove the hardness of our hearts and form us into a humble people, that, at the advent of your Son, we may recognise him in our midst and find joy in his saving presence.

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 and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2.10-11

Val Gaskill

Theme: I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

The Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

Canticle: The Magnificat, St Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Anthony Lovesy

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R.**

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Sue Aston

Theme: May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: St John 1: 6-8.19-28

Theme: There stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me.

Hear the holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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 Hall on Saturday 30th December at 4.00pm.**

Social Club Events

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

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Saturday 20th January Quiz Night

Saturday 24th February Oompah Band

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

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 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.*

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*).