

Sunday 2 nd TODAY	8.30am 10.30am 5-7pm	Holy Communion All Age Worship and Parade Sunday Supper	St. Stephen's St. Aidan's Parish Hall
Tuesday 4 th	9-11am 3.30pm	Squeals on Wheels (Babies and Toddlers) Messy Church	St. Aidan's St. Aidan's
Thursday 6 th	7-7.30am 10am	Prayer Meeting Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	St. Aidan's St. Aidan's
Friday 7 th	9.30am	Time for Reflection	51 Barlow Street
Sunday 9 th Advent 2	8.30am 10.30am 12.30pm 5-7pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Baptism Service Sunday Supper	St. Stephen's St. Stephen's St. Stephen's Parish Hall

Communion readings for Sunday 9th December:
Malachi 3: 1-4 (Page 802) & Luke 3: 1-6 (page 858)

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Welcome to the Church of St. Stephen and St. Aidan

News From The Pews

2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday



Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today's readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (Page 662): Luke 21: 25-36 (Page 881)

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

- **those living in:** Jute Road.
- **those unwell:** Anna & Peter Lewis, Sarah, Evelyn Wroe, Barbara (Pam Cooper's sister) , Ann & David Pugh, Ann Furst, Lauren Elrod, John Elwick, Dot & her husband Adrian, Jenny Pagliaro and Jen Deamer.
- Asia Bibi (Pakistan), Ben & Kirsten Nobbs and family (see below), and Brexit.

MESSAGE FROM MISSION PARTNERS BEN & KIRSTEN NOBBS

'Please continue to pray for us here in Durban, South Africa as crime escalates here in the run up to Christmas. Our YWAM base was broken into on Saturday last week and two of our team were hijacked whilst at the traffic lights at the weekend.'

NOTICES

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all today, especially our uniformed organisations and any visitors among us.

CHRISTMAS FAIRTRADE STALL TODAY after 10.30 service

The stall will include gifts, chocolates, cards and advent calendars and Ecover and Fairtrade cleaning products.

ACOMB COMMUNITY CINEMA

The following film will be showing at Acomb Methodist Church: Saturday 8th December: Paddington 2 (PG) 2017 Free - 7pm.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY

This is available from today for our services and for our Acomb Churches Together 'The Bethlehem Bazaar'. Can you please take multiple copies and distribute to friends, family and neighbours! Please invite people personally and offer to go with them to something in the parish over Christmas.

ACT 'THE BETHLEHEM BAZAAR' (Saturday 15th December)

Following last year's Acomb Churches Together successful Christmas event held at Gateway we are this year preparing for 'The Bethlehem Bazaar'. Acomb Parish is asked to provide 3 Bethlehem market stalls for - Barnabas' Bakery (decorating biscuits with icing, sweets etc), Meshacs' Mosaics (using tissue/paper squares etc) & Gideons' Glass Makers (decorating glass tea-light holders with glass paints etc). We also need 3 gazebos or small frame tents, plus lost of other things. Please sign up as a helper today - many roles!!

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS

Rather than supporting Besom this year, our focus will be on the Foodbank who are collecting toiletry gift sets, especially for men, that they can give out at Christmas and beyond. Perhaps Home Groups would like to club together and take this on? If you are able to offer anything please use the collection box as usual - or donate cash instead by placing on the collection plate in an envelope marked 'Foodbank'.

MESSY CHURCH - THIS TUESDAY 3.30PM AT ST. AIDAN'S

JEM - Last chance for donations and signing card **today**.

JENNY PAGLIARO

Would anyone be willing just for the next 2 or 3 weeks to sit in with Jenny so as to allow Peter a weekly trip out on a Monday lunchtime? Please talk to the Vicar if you can.

CRECHE HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 5 SESSIONS

'Family Matters York' are offering to run a parenting course, 'Time Out for Parents - The Early Years' with ourselves and the Baptist church providing a creche here. This 5 week course is for parents and carers of toddlers, giving them a chance to share their experiences and discuss relevant issues. Topics covered include playing with your child, eating, developing self-esteem, finding strategies to handle temper tantrums and other difficult behaviour and keeping sane as a parent. Parents are encouraged to try out strategies at home and share with the group the following week. It is proposed that it is run at St. Aidan's for 5 Monday sessions between 21 January and 18 February from 9.30 - 11.30am. We need to collectively provide 5 people to run a crèche while the session is on. Can you offer please?

YOUTH FUND & AUTUMN FAIR

The November 'Craft & Coffee' raised £195 for our Youth Fund. A further £87 was raised from craft sales and tombola, making this year's Autumn Fair final total of £1,010.40. Thanks to everyone who supported these events.

PETER LEWIS' POEM IN LATEST MAGAZINE

Unfortunately, due to an editorial error, only part of the last stanza was printed. A full version of Peter's poem will be made available shortly at both churches.