

ST CHADS FLOWER GUILD

It has been agreed with Revd. Preb. Maureen Hobbs that the Church Christmas Flowers may be arranged on Friday 21st December and Saturday 22nd December. The church vestry will be open from 8am on both Friday and Saturday to allow the flower arrangements to be completed. However please note on Friday 21st there is a School Carol And End of Term Service commencing at 9.30am which lasts for approximately one hour, and this period should be avoided. As it is a busy time of the year, I hope this earlier arrangement will be of help.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Margaret

FURTHER INFORMATION

Century Club

The next draw will take place on **Monday 26th November**

Prayers

'Prayers for those in need/sickness' will be included in the regular services. Please place the details in the box at the back of Church. Prayers may be requested anonymously of course, but feel free to add a name and telephone number to the message if you would like the Vicar or a member of the Pastoral Group to make contact.

Church Welcome Pack

These are available at the back of Church. The PCC would be most grateful if **all** Church members try to be aware of new people moving into the village and deliver a Church Welcome Pack to them. If you have any queries about this scheme please speak to Chrissie **700340**

A reminder of how payments to the Church can be made

Cheques: payable to "Pattingham PCC".
Bank: Sort Code: 20-97-78
A/c No: 50655023
A/C Name: Pattingham PCC

Please use green Gift Aid envelopes for any Cash Collection

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SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

Second Sunday Of Advent

Christmas Tree Festival 

- 8.00 **No Service**
10.00 Family Communion, *Rev Sue Weller, Archdeacon of Walsall and Sarah Schofield*
6.30 Youth Service, *YS Team*

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

- 7.30 PCC Meeting, *The Loft*

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

- 10.00 Holy Communion, *Anne Furness*
8.00 Carol Singing at the Pigot Arms

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

- 2.00 Wedding of Daniel Cooper and Lisa Holland

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

Third Sunday Of Advent

- 8.00 **No Service**
10.00 Family Communion and Sunday School
12.00 Rotary Carol Service
4.00 Christingle Service, *Ken Scott*
6.30 **No Service**

Readings

Sunday 9 December

10.00am
Malachi 3.1-4
Luke 3.1-6

Wednesday 12 December

10.00am
Isaiah 40.25-end
Matthew 11.28-end

Sunday 16 December

10.00am
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18

ST CHAD'S CHURCH CAFÉ
Drop in for a coffee and chat,
Wednesday mornings from 10.45am

CENTURY CLUB
The next draw will take place on
Monday 31st December

Copy Date for the next edition of the Parish Magazine is Monday 10th December

"DO STAY FOR A CHAT"

Coffee is served after the morning service and Children's toys and books are available at the back of the Church.



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TODAY'S COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen

1ST READING

Malachi 3.1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.
²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3.1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip, ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

NOTICES

CHANGE OF SERVICE DETAILS

Please note there will be **no** 10.00am Communion on
Wednesday 26th December

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Today it will be open from 11.30am-6pm. Admission is £2.50 per adult/no charge for children under 16. Come and admire over 30 decorated trees – vote for your favourite – try your luck in the raffle, £1/ticket with super prizes – take a moment of quiet reflection around the “memory” tree. Refreshments are available at the Lychgate Coffee Shop & The Pigot Arms.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH SERVICE at 6.30pm tonight - led by the younger members of our Church this promises to be a special “cracker” of a service with which to end the Festival.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are on sale on Sundays at 10am and 6.30pm and Wednesday at 10am. They are in packs of 5 cards for £1.95, all profits to Church funds. They show the Nativity story rather than the more 'whimsy' designs in the shops. Enquiries to Janet Snape.

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Youth Group needs ideas on how to improve our services to make them more appealing to young people in Pattingham. We will use the ideas on our Christmas tree, please write down your idea and leave it at the back of the church marked " Youth Group ". Many thanks, John Steel

ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

Please note that the wording in this months Parish Magazine should have read

“In accordance with the Church Representation Rules preparation of an entirely new Church Electoral Roll must take place in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held in April 2019. **During January and February forms will be available at the back of the Church.** If you feel you are entitled to have your name entered, please ensure you complete a form which can be returned to me, to one of the Church Wardens or placed in the box for this purpose at the back of the Church. Thank you”.

This means that even if your name is currently on the Roll you will still need to complete a form to ensure your name will be added to the new roll for 2019 onwards. Thank you, Lesley Jones

COVENANTING CHURCHES

There will be carol singing on Tettenhall Green on Saturday 15th December between 10.45am and 11.15am followed by coffee and mince pies at St Michaels Parish Centre. Everyone welcome to come along and share some fellowship.