

**NOTICES FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Tea party yesterday.

Today there will be a **CAKE SALE** after the 10am service today to raise funds for William Desai and Charlie Brayshaw to attend the World Scout Jamboree in the USA.

Tuesday

12.00pm Funeral service in church for Margaret Burcham

Wednesday

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Friday

9.00 am **Morning Prayer (Said)**

Next Sunday – Second of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong



Christmas Services

Wednesday 13th December

6.00pm Christingle service

Sunday 17th December

10.00am **Parish Communion** including
Junior Church Nativity play

6.30pm **Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**
followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the hall

Christmas Eve

NB - **no** 8.00am service
10.00am **Parish Communion** (side chapel)
5.00pm **Crib Service**

11.00pm **Community Carols**
11.45pm **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day

8.00am **Holy Communion**
10.00am **Parish Communion**
with carols and Holy Baptism



Toilet Twinning: Thank you if you have already given generously. To reach our target of £480 by Christmas, we are making a final appeal. So take a collecting box from the back of church and add your name to the list so we know who is joining in the final push.

Christian Aid Swim, Sunday 21st January at 2pm. DO reserve the date! This year we will have our 'bring and share' lunch BEFORE the swim, straight after coffee after the Sunday service, and then all go together to the swim in Beeches Pool, Perry Barr.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

To Newcomers:

*We are especially glad to see you.
By way of introduction please fill in
A pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson
or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.
Please join us for coffee served in the hall
after the 10 am Service*

Please take this notice sheet home.

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SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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10.00 am FAMILY COMMUNION

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Ledsham

Please note that the side chapel is equipped with
toys and soft-play equipment
with an audio connection to the service.

Hymn: 75

Gradual Hymn: 37

Sermon: Keith Whitehead

Offertory Hymn: 42

Anthem: People Look East - Ledsham

Communion Hymn: 49

Final Hymn: 27

6.30pm

ADVENT CAROLS

See separate Order of Service.

RIP

Margaret Burcham

John Ellis

**Soldiers being remembered by the Bell ringers
this week:**

Private Percy Garfield Gough, Hampshire Regiment, 1st
Labour Coy. Died 01/12/1917, aged 34

Second Lieutenant Fred Daniels, Royal Warwickshire
Regiment, 2nd/5th Bn. Died 03/12/1917, aged 29.
Awarded the Military Cross

PLEASE MAY WE ASK YOU TO USE THE
YELLOW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES **ONLY**
IF YOU INTEND TO GIFT AID YOUR DONATION
BY SIGNING AND GIVING YOUR ADDRESS.
THANK YOU.

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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.

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come
down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence— as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—to make your
name known to your adversaries, so that the
nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at
your presence. From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God
besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you were angry,
and we sinned; because you hid yourself we
transgressed. We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like
the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls
on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have
delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay,
and you are our potter; we are all the work of your
hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do
not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we
are all your people.

Second Reading

Mark 13.24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light, and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be
shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming
in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will
send out the angels, and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends
of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its
branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near. So also, when you
see these things taking place, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things
have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither
the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come. It is like a man going on a
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves
in charge, each with his work, and commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep
awake—for you do not know when the master of
the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you
asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to
you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Post Communion Prayer

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.

