

**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 13<sup>th</sup> December**

6.00pm Christingle service

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**  
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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.

