

**NOTICES FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th 2016
THE FIRST OF ADVENT**

Wednesday

9.00am **St. Peter's School Service**
10.00am **Holy Communion.**

Friday

9.00am **Morning prayer**, said (all welcome).

Saturday

2.30pm WINTER TEA PARTY. If you have kindly volunteered to bring cakes for the Tea Party, please deliver them to the church hall between 11:30am & 2:00pm on the day. If you have kindly volunteered to help with setting up the hall, please come to the church hall at 11:30am, and to clear away, at 4:00pm. You are welcome to stay for the Tea Party if you wish. We will contact those who we would like to help transport the guests individually, as this is dependent on how many guests need a lift.

Sunday

11.45am **BFG** meeting in the **Committee** Room.

Next Sunday –The Second of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Communion
6.30pm Sung Eucharist

Looking ahead....

There will be a **WORKING PARTY** on Saturday December 10th beginning at 9.00am. Please come and help out if you can; refreshments will be provided.

Harborne Bell Ringers are fund-raising for a sound control system to enable teaching sessions without disturbing the neighbours! Asda, Barnes Hill, have allocated one of their community "good causes" boxes to them for 3 months. They would love it if you would visit Asda and donate your tokens to them.

Let's change the story - about refugees: A group of us are meeting in the committee room after the 10am service on **27th November** to talk about what we can do individually and collectively to help change the negative stories we hear, to build our own confidence in talking positively about refugees and asylum seekers, and identify people to write to. There is lots of material from Christian Aid and Citizens UK to help us. Do join us.

S.P.A.T.S.

St. Peter's Amateur Theatricals, our occasional production group, are hoping to stage an Old Time Music Hall at the end of February 2017. If you would you like to be one of the acts, please speak to Maggie Davies or contact the parish office on 681 1940. We are looking for a couple of Thespians – 1 man, 1 woman – to act in a short skit; please let us know if you are interested.

Please note that the **CTH Christmas** cards are at the back of church ready for delivery. We are short of our usual number of postmen this year due to illness so **PLEASE, PLEASE** if you can, take a batch to deliver. Many thanks.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

To Newcomers:

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

www.stpeterharborne.org.uk

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

Facebook: St. Peter's Church Harborne

SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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10.00 am

PARISH COMMUNION WITH HOLY BAPTISM

Common Worship ~ A&M ~ Ledsham

If your **young Children** or **babies** want to carry on singing when everyone else has stopped (particularly during the quiet bits!) please feel free to use the Side Chapel where there are toys and audio connection to the Service.

Cloakroom facilities and **baby changing** facilities are available in the **church hall**

Hymn: 46

Gradual Hymn: 30

Sermon: The Vicar

Baptism: Tobenna Onyekachi Uhiara

Renee Lillian Young

Prudence Lily Bolle

Elizabeth Ruby Wall

Offertory Hymn: 42

Anthem: The Advent crown-Ledsham

Communion Hymn: 57

Final Hymn: 27

6.30pm

SERVICE OF ADVENT CAROLS

See separate Order of Service

RIP

Irene Ethel Carr

Annie Blanche Biggs

Patricia Griffiths

St. Faith & St. Laurence are celebrating their 80th anniversary in January and holding a 'Songs of Praise' service in honour of this. They have asked congregations from 'Churches Together in Harborne' to suggest 3-4 favourite hymns from which they will pick a selection. If you have a favourite hymn to suggest, please contact the parish office or our CTH reps, Andy & Chris Batch and Diane Reeves.

Soldiers being remembered today by the bellringers:

Private Arthur Charles Mann, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 1st/8th Bn. Died 29/11/1916, aged 19

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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 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24.36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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.

