



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WHITNASH NOTICES

Sundays 12th & 19th Dec 2021.

Our mission at St. Margaret's is: "To receive
God's love in Christ and to share it with all."

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WELCOME!

Service information

12th December – Advent 3

8:00am Holy Communion: Rev Steve Davies

10:00am Holy Communion: Rev. Richard Suffern & Rev Steve Davies

Reading: Phil. 4: 4 – 7; Luke 3: 7 - 18

Collect for Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

19th December Advent 4

8:00am Holy Communion: Rev. Richard Suffern.

10:00am Morning Worship: Rev. Steve Davies & Maddy Hill.

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight. Rev Richard Suffern.

Reading: Heb. 10: 5 – 10; Luke 1: 39 – 45 (55)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever Amen

Services over Christmas:

24th December – Christmas Eve:

5pm: Christingle Rev Richard Suffern

11:15pm: Holy Communion. Rev Richard Suffern.

Readings: Acts 13: 16 – 26; Luke 1: 67 – 79

Collect for Christmas Eve

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

25th December – Christmas Day:

8:00am: Holy Communion. Rev Richard Suffern.

10:00am: All Age Morning Worship. Rev Richard Suffern.

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2 – 7; Luke 2: 1 - 14

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God Amen

CAMEL POST 2021: The collection box for Camel Post this year will be in St. Margaret's church for services on:

Sunday December 5th and 12th

Thursday December 9th and 16th

If you would like your Christmas cards for WHITNASH to be delivered please post them with your donations in the Christmas Cards Collection Box.

All donations will be sent to Myton Hospice.

Thank you for your support. Stuart Forrest

St Margaret's Advent and Christmas Appeal: This year we are inviting gifts towards basic equipment for the maternity unit run by our companionship link Diocese of Kapsabet in Kenya. What better time of year and opportunity to raise funds for a maternity unit than Christmas?! It's the time of year we remember that Jesus was born in a stable, laid in a manger and all without any of the modern mother and baby care facilities we would expect to find in a hospital in the UK today. In Africa facilities to assist in the safe arrival of babies and of care for mothers are often basic or non-existent. Could you help make a difference at such a crucial time at the start of a new life? Your gifts could be life saving and life giving. Giving envelopes will be available at the back of Church or gifts can be made in other ways such as bank transfer marked for Christmas Appeal too. Thank you.

Christmas Toy Appeal

A helping hand for local families in need at Christmas

Calor Gas Ltd will be providing gifts for local families this Christmas.

You are invited to come along and choose a gift or two for a loved one

You will be able to choose from donations of new and 'as new' toys, games and books (colouring books, craft making kits etc.) for babies and children up to 16 years old, as well as Christmas wrapping paper and chocolates.

You may know someone who is in need. You are welcome to choose for them too. Wednesday 15th December 2021. 10 – 2 @ St Peter's Catholic Church, Leamington. **Come join us for a mince pie and a hot drink**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Beverley Rye, Sophina Huggan, Alan Sperring, Ben Stafford, Julie Winup, Jeanette Oubridge, David Clough, Rose Garland, Sylvia Lee, Kitty Crutchley, Lornah Hebditch, Graham Coles, Seren, Jenny Heath, David Lloyd, Stephen Cherry. Rob Wise. Sean.

For the bereaved family & friends of: Brenda Swain, Paul Smith, Tony Malin, Tony Heath, Peter Tallett, Doreen Davis, Phyllis Salter.

BEER and CAROLS: This year we have been invited to sing carols at the Plough and Harrow on Whitnash Road. (Tuesday 14th.) The Hodcarrier on Coppice Road. (Wednesday 15th.) and at the Whitnash Sports and Social Club. (Monday 20th.) All starting at 7.30pm. All welcome, but if you are coming, please do a lateral flow test beforehand and if you have any possible symptoms of covid or flu, please be wise and let's not risk the health of those we want to encourage with the Christian message in the carols we sing.

ASSISTANT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: If anyone could step into the post please speak to William Clemmey or myself. Thanks. Richard.

MOTHERS UNION: MU meetings this term are at 2pm in St Margaret's Chapter House on 14th December. All are welcome.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS...an opportunity to remember a loved one, friend or special occasion. Flower Fund envelopes are available at the back of the Church for your donations (cheques payable to St. Margaret's PCC). Write your message and preferred date for insertion in St. Margaret's weekly notice sheet. Please include your name and telephone number and hand the envelope to Shirley Simms (01926 427165) two weeks prior to your chosen Sunday

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FILL A GAP?

Now that the lockdowns are no more, it is encouraging to be in church, to be able to sing together and be able to chat after the services. However, we are struggling a bit to fill some important gaps in our ministries, due to changes in people's circumstances. Please could you pray about this and consider whether God might be calling you to be involved. Maybe you are just waiting to be asked but don't want to be pushy! I would love to hear from you and give you more details if this is the case! The following is what we need:

Tea and Coffee Servers after the 10am service - teams of 2, serving. [Last year we had 8 teams and so we were able to be on duty every 2 months, but it could be even less.]

Sidespersons/Welcomers – again 2 working together.

Thank you to those who are already on the rotas, and to those who hopefully are going to join the rotas!

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December Prayer Focus: Tearfund:

Please pray for the work of Tearfund, in particular:

- the Democratic Republic of Congo as people flee a volcanic eruption, leaving behind everything they have;
- Across East and Central Africa where many people are afraid of catching Covid. There is no accurate information, leading to fear, hostility and division. Tearfund is working alongside local churches to enable better hygiene, food relief and safety;
- In Bangladesh where they are experiencing worsening climate extremes – 5.5 million people have been affected by devastating flooding. Tearfund partners are working here with local churches and can equip communities with the tools they need to adapt and prepare for the worst effects of climate change.

TEAR FUND: Thanks to all who donated to Tear Fund we were able to send £200.00 Eileen

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER: Please email them to:

anne@horsley.uk or pop them through the letter box of: 4 Anderson Drive, Whitnash. Many thanks Anne ☺

