



Sunday 29th November 2009 **Sunday Services:** **1st of Advent**

10.30 am Celebration.
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end (p1187)
Luke 21: 25-36 (p1057)
Readers: Phil Atkinson, Ann Preston.
Intercessor: Elaine Wells.

Wednesday's Service: **Advent 1**

10.00 am BCP Communion.
Readings: Romans 13: 8-14 (p1140)
Matthew 21: 1-13 (p988)
Reader: Ronnie.

Collect for The First Sunday **of Advent**

*Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

WORSHIP

Sunday 6th December
10.30 am Service of Thanksgiving.
6.30 pm Communion.
Wednesday 9th December
10.00 am BCP Communion.

Issues for Prayer

- ◆ *Please continue to pray for the Baptist Congregation as they make important decisions about the future of their building.*
- ◆ *Please pray for Don and Dawn as they come back from Indonesia.*
- ◆ *Please pray for those in the Church family who are suffering from illnesses or bereavement.*
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NOTICE BOARD

November Evening Event Cancelled - Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel the November Evening Event. The next event will be the Carol Service on 20th December.

Help Still Needed Many thanks to the three people who have come forward in response to the request for help in various areas of ministry. However, this means that key areas still do not have enough volunteers and this may mean that the VA/PA, Rock Solid and Street Team will not be able to operate on some weeks. We are not expecting a weekly commitment for any of these ministries,

but are hoping to get as many people involved as possible so that you would only be needed once a month. Please see Jonathan or Phil for more details.

Church Treasurer After many years of faithful service, Janet Robinson will be stepping down as Church Treasurer at the end of the year. At the last PCC meeting, Sandy Vanstan was appointed as the new treasurer. If you need to contact her in relation to any financial aspects, you can email her on sandy.vanstan@allsaintsnormanton.org.

WOW Ladies Christmas night out on Wednesday 9th December at Harvester Winding Wheel, Glasshoughton. Table booked for 7.30. Please let Marianne know if you are coming 07950576187.

Churches Together Ecumenical Service Tonight at St John's Roman Catholic church at 6.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

PCC The minutes from the last meeting are in the pigeon holes, the précis of the October meeting are on the welcome desk.

Coffee/Welcome The new rotas are in the pigeon holes.

Freedom in Christ The next course will begin on Tuesday 5th January 2010. It will last for 13 weeks and involves an away-day on Saturday 6th March which is an essential part of the course. It has already had a great impact on the lives of those who have followed the course already, as it enables us to take hold of the truths of who we are in Christ and to bear fruit as Christians - see the church web page for testimonies. There will be a limit on the number of places so please speak to Dawn when she returns if you are interested.

Mid Week Parish Walk We are planning a second mid week walk on Wednesday 2nd December. We will meet at the Parish Rooms at 1.00 pm and we are planning to walk about 4 miles at Temple Newsam. Please let us know if you are planning to come so that we can be sure that we have enough lifts (telephone 223893 a day or so before the walk or email john.penrose@blueyonder.co.uk).

Tickets For 'The Phil's Christmas Presence', the Annual Christmas concert by the Yorkshire Philharmonic Choir, are now available BUT, as those who attend regularly know they sell out very quickly. As always, the event is on the Saturday before Christmas (**Saturday 19th December in Wakefield Cathedral at 7.30 pm**) and is a great way to really start your Christmas celebrations. This year, in addition to the YPC and Brass Quintet, it also features the WGHS Junior Choir. As always it promises to be an extravaganza of Carols, Christmas Music of all types and festive fun. If you want tickets it is **vital** you ask Derek Howell, Dave Clark or Stephanie Woodhead today or ring them preferably before Tuesday to ensure they can get tickets for you before the general public rush. Don't miss out on what is one of the musical fun events of the year - act now. Tickets are £14 (£12 concessions) or a family ticket for 2 adults and up to 2 children for £35.

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Sunday 6th December Duty Rota:

Deputy Warden: Guy Bird and John Dracup.

Readers: Lauren Wills, Ron Young and Anita Biscomb.

Intercessor: Linda Ball and Ron Young.

Welcome/Coffee: Sue Hodgson, Lindsay Child, Cliff and Jane Kay, Irene Dews, Jackie Paul, June Townend and Shirley Tate.

Counting: Ann Bucktrout, Cathy Cook and Pam Randall.



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