THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 15th 3rd Sunday of Advent I Thessalonians 3.9-13; Mark 13.32-37 8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.45am Young Explorers, Green School 10.00am Parish Holy Communion Mon 16th 9.45am Advent Study Group in Church Tue 17th 7.30pm Christmas with Ladies Guild, Gr Sch Wed 18th 10.30am Said Holy Communion 2.30pm Holy Communion & Carols, Rose Lodge Thu 19th 6.30pm Christmas with Mothers' Union, Gr Sch 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice 20th 6.30pm Choir Practice Fri 21st 10.30am Christmas Messy Church, Green Sch Sat Sun 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.39-45 8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.45am Young Explorers, Green School

The Office of Morning Prayer is said Monday - Saturday at 9am and that of Evening Prayer Monday - Friday at 5pm.

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

5.00pm Carol Service

Rotas for 15th December

8.00am Kevin Dawson

People: 10.00am Janis Hewitt, Lyall Seale, Geoff Chambers

Readers: 8.00am Kevin Dawson 10.00am Lyall Seale

Rotas for 22nd December

Sides-8.00am |ean |ones

People: 10.00am Keith & Chris Warren, Nick Evans

5.00pm Diane Wheatley, Lyall Seale

Readers: 8.00am Jean Jones

10.00am Scott Miller

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 21st Dec: Messy Church, 2.30pm, Green School

Sun 22nd Dec: Carol Service, 5.00pm Christmas Eve: Crib Service, 4.00pm

Holy Communion, 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 10.00am

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Deadline 6pm Thursday; hard copy to Dorothy Harriss, 1 The Orchard, MD; email dorothy@harriss.me.uk or ring 218743

Greeting Cards: Pam Pearson and Greg Ford make very attractive cards which are on sale at the back of Church; proceeds to the fabric & maintenance fund.

Church Floodlighting: In memory of a loved one, or to mark a special wedding anniversary or birthday in a unique way, why not sponsor the church floodlights? Book the date with Kay 349021, give Julie the £20 fee.

Raffle Prizes: We are always grateful to receive prizes for the raffles held at various events. Please let Kate or Julie have suitable items. Thanks.

Ness Group: To join a morning prayer service via zoom at 9am any weekday morning with our LMP neighbours to the north, just ask for the link. Have a hot drink and Bible nearby to listen to readings, reflection, and prayer.

Church is open each day till 5pm: please come in to be still in God's presence, to pray or explore the building.

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Reaching out in Love **Growing in Faith** Welcoming All

December 15th 2024: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Preacher: Revd George Holding; Intercessor: Kate Brown

Please pray this week for God's blessing our church of St Guthlac, our priest Revd George, the Ministry Team, Churchwardens, PCC, and all those who join us.

Advent Study Group: Our Advent course 'Women of the Nativity' concludes tomorrow, 9.45am in Church with Mary & Shiprah. Please note change of time.

Christmas in the Green School Ladies Guild, Tuesday 17th, 7.30pm

Entertainment with Andy, Jules, and friends, then nibbles and social time;

Mothers' Union, Thursday 19th, 6.30pm Readings, carols, quiz, games, and seasonal refreshments;

Messy Church, Saturday 21st 2.30pm

Crafts, activities, singing, shared food and a talk about the nativity. Families particularly welcome.

See you at any or all of the above!

Christmas in Church

Join us for one or all of our upcoming Services Carol Service: Our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols is next Sunday, 22nd December at 5pm. The readers will be drawn from the community, and we will hear the age-old story of Jesus birth interspersed

Christmas Eve: Crib Service, 4.00pm

with carols and choir pieces. Not to be missed!

Come along to this festive, family-friendly service and hear the Christmas story in a fun, interactive way. Wear a Christmas jumper and/or hat if you can!

Christmas Eve: Holy Communion, 11.30pm Sing carols, pray, and hear the Christmas message, then receive your First Holy Communion of the season or a prayer of blessing.

Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 10.00am

An all age Holy Communion Service, with carols and a re-telling of the Christmas story. Bring a present you have opened to show everyone and have it blessed.

Rose Lodge: On Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm you are invited to join Rose Lodge residents for their Communion Service followed by some carol singing.

Notices: Please look at the notice board for information about events/special services by churches in our LMP.

WaterAid: Please write one Christmas card for Church friends to display on the board at the back, then donate money saved on cards for individuals in an envelope provided. Give thanks every day for the clean water you have on tap for drinking, washing, and cooking. Thanks.

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