



St Wilfrid, West Hallam ~ Holy Trinity, Mapperley
St Andrew, Stanley ~ United Church, Stanley Common

THE NEWSLETTER

10th December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Worship

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Verse of the month: Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of woman.....

Please include in your prayers this week:

Gwen Jeffrey, Eva Weston, Sue Frost, Reuben, Bridget and Geoff Pugh,
John Leatherland, Rosemary Driscoll, Joan Julian, Monica, Janet and Pete Hutchinson
and all those who mourn the death of Leo at this time.

THIS WEEK

Mon 11	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Mapperley
	9.30am	EYFS Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	1.30pm	Merlins Class Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
Tues 12	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Wilfrid's, West Hallam
	9.30am	KS1 Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	2.00pm	Owls Class Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	2.00pm	Cake and Company at Stanley Village Hall
	2.15pm	Christingle with Mapperley School in Holy Trinity
Wed 13	9.30am	Tigers Class Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	1.00pm	Community pre-school rehearsal at St Wilfrid's
	7.30pm	Advent Quiet Service at St Andrew's
Thurs 14	8.30am	Morning Prayer at UCAS, Stanley Common
	9.30am	Panthers Class Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	1.30pm	Rhinos Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	2.15pm	Mapperley School Nativity in Church
	6.30pm	Mapperley School Nativity in Church
Fri 15	7.00pm	Scout Carol Service at UCAS
	9.30am	Lions class Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
	1.30pm	Flamingos class Christmas experience in St Wilfrid's
Sat 16	2.30pm	Mapperley School Christingle Service in Church
	4.00pm	Open Air Nativity at Head House Farm, Mapperley

NOTICES

St Wilfrid's Church Cleaning: If you would like to help with this necessary task, please speak to Val Smith. You would need to be able to give a couple of hours every other month.

Wilf's wheels/the mobility scooter is being used more and more which is great! All the drivers are selected and trained before being allowed to drive you (to ensure everyone is safe). We have a rota of drivers for the scooter at the 11.00am services each Sunday and can cover other services, meetings and social events too if we know you are attending and wish to use the scooter, so do please let us know. At Christmas, we have already arranged to use the scooter for the Carol Service, but if you require it for Midnight Mass or the Christmas Day service, please let us know so that we can ensure that a scooter driver is available. Please call Hazel on 0115 9325956 to arrange this. Thank you.

Gates stolen! Holy Trinity's gates have been stolen. Please keep an eye and ear out and let Rev Gill know if you know anything or contact 101 using ref: 17000516613.

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The magazine team would like to wish you all a Wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Alternative Advent-food parcel collection for The Arena: If you would like to participate, please put your gifts in the box at the back of St Wilfrid's.

Christmas cards for St Wilfrid's: May we suggest that, instead of sending individual cards this year, you send one to the whole congregation and donate your savings to charity? Preferably please place them in an envelope marked "in place of Christmas cards" and hand them in at Church to be passed on to The Arena to help those who are struggling this year.

Sunday 17th December ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Wilfrid's
10.30am	Holy Communion with School	St Andrew's
11.00am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	UCAS
5.00pm	Carol Service	St Wilfrid's
6.30pm	Carol Service	Holy Trinity

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Today's Readings
3rd December 2017
1st Sunday of Advent

THE COLLECT

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.

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—² 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! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ 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. ⁵You 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. ⁶We 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every

way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13.24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.²⁶ Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory.²⁷ 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.²⁸ ‘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.²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.³² ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.³⁴ 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.³⁵ 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,³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

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. Amen.