

St Andrew's Church Woodside
7th December 2025
Family Carol Service

*The Collection this morning
will be in aid of the*



Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Message from Julie

We have a series of readings this morning brought to us by children and young people. We are very grateful for their involvement in the service.

Advent is a period of waiting for an arrival. The birth of Christ is only one element of the wider picture. We look for three kinds of arrival as this Advent prayer says:

Christ comes
A child in Bethlehem, flesh and bone,
Light piercing the shadow of the world.
Christ comes in mystery,
The Spirit moving, unseen,
Transforming hearts and homes.
Christ comes, revealed to all,
Redeemer of the cosmos,
Restorer of the Fall.

Between these comings lies our waiting, not passive but rather expectant and hopeful.

To wait is to make space. To watch is to pay attention. To awaken is to recognise that Christ is moving through the ordinary. Between now and Christmas Day, let us practise the presence of God by waiting, watching and anticipating.

*No prayer ministry after the service today,
but do approach someone if you are in need of private prayer.*

**We are here as God's family to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.**

December		
Today	10:30	Family Carol Service
Tue 9th	12-2	Soup & Sandwich at the Rising Sun
Wed 10th	10:30	Little Stars 10:30, doors open at 10
Thu 11th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sun 14th	10:30 3:00	Holy Communion, Cathy Pullinger Bereavement Service
Tue 16th	11:00 12-2	Service at the residential home next to the church Soup & Sandwich at the Rising Sun
Wed 17th	7:00	Carols at the Rising Sun
Thu 18th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sun 21st	10:30 6:00	Morning Praise Carols by Candlelight
Wed 24th	11:30	Midnight Communion



Thanks to all who responded!
to Sue Briggs' request for Singers
at seasonal gatherings in the Village.

One last call for Carol Singers!
17th December
at the Rising Sun.

Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom!

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 passcode 664663 or by linking to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>
 The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!

Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!

Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1LL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Practical help for the Community



Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.
They regularly collect our items, all gratefully received, particularly the warm gloves and mittens we have given them at this chilly time!



We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly.
They express gratitude for our deliveries and our financial & Gift Aided donations: needs are greater than ever. Next drop off, 16th December.
So, before you leave home for church, 'Grab a Tin & bring i'tin!'

NB: If you wish to contribute, pick up a copy of the Food Bank 'Advent Calendar' from the back of church, which lists seasonal items to donate throughout the year.

Recycle *Please drop your Medication Blister Packs at the back of church for Paula to take for recycling.*

In lieu of sending cards to everyone in the church family, put one card on the noticeboard, giving the money saved in the jar for ...



Wanted!

Please pass your old Birthday & Christmas Cards to Angela (via Julie) for Craft purposes.

We are collecting festive treats for Woodside Care Home residents.
Please add your items in the hamper

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