

This Weeks Notices

MELTHAM COMMUNITY CARD GROUP

We now have a selection of Christmas Cards for sale which can be seen in all of the Meltham churches and in our Meltham outlets. The cards can be purchased £3 for 10 Cards and are packed in various choices - Traditional/Modern/Mixed/Robins/Father Christmas/Christmas Choirs/Religious. We also have for sale individual Christmas cards suitable for family and friends at 50p each. The greeting words inside the cards can be seen on the back of the packets.

As well as the cards we have packets of Christmas tags which cost 50p per packet of 10.

MELTHAM COMMUNITY CARD GROUP

Please note we will not be meeting on the Fridays



OASIS for ADVENT

Just resting and reflecting
on

THE JOY that is to come.

The next OASIS DAY will take place in
St James, Meltham Mills
on **Thursday December 8th** beginning at
10.00am and ending about 3.00pm.

Coffee and tea will be available, but bring a
packed lunch if you are staying all day.

Please feel free to stay and share this time
of PEACE for as long as you wish
or for as long as you feel comfortable.
The day ends with a short Communion
Service at 2.30 – 3.00pm.

More information from
Rev Peter Rolls 340342, Christine Woods
852268 or Jenny Mathers 850839

THE ADVENT SEQUENCE



In the Middle Ages, the Church kept Advent as a season of great solemnity - a time in which to meditate upon the ultimate issues of death, judgement, hell and heaven.

Advent, though, was also a time of great rejoicing. For Christ would come, not only as Judge, but also as Saviour, and would usher in the Kingdom of God. Advent, therefore,

provided a vivid preparation for Christmas. Processions from west to east, and the use of lights, spoke of the Church's hope in the coming of Christ - the Light of the world - to banish sin and darkness. Antiphons were sung, calling upon God to deliver his people, and readings from the Old Testament were seen as pointing to the fulfilment of God's purposes in Jesus.

This Service aims to recapture something of that Advent longing and hope. It begins in darkness with the Advent Responsory, in which Christ's coming is announced 'from afar'. The Blessing of Light follows, and, as the Service unfolds, the Light is carried to other parts of the Church as the Procession moves from west to east.

The remainder of the Service is structured around the great Advent Antiphons, known as the Great 'Os'. These were sung originally as Antiphons to the Magnificat at the Evening Office from 17th to 23rd December, and have provided a rich source of devotional imagery in Advent. The readings and music serve to complement the Antiphons, and help us reflect on the theme of the Christ who comes to judge and save his people. The Antiphons are gathered together in the final hymn, *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, which is sung as the procession withdraws. The Service ends in quietness, but in confident hope in the One who is to come. Even so come, Lord Jesus.



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, 27th November 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

Clergy Contact Details

Revd Maureen Read: 01484 850050
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Parish Links

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Worship Today

9.30am
10.00am
11.00am
11.15am
4.00pm

Readings
Gospel

W4A - St Bartholomew's
Together at one table - St James
Morning Worship - St Mary's
HC & Baptism - Christ Church
Parish Advent Sequence -
Christ Church

Isaiah 2.1-5
Matthew 24.36-44

Parish Weekly Diary (Sunday 27.11.2016 - Sunday 04.12.2016)

Weekly Prayer Intention: Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come. Amen

- Sunday:** 9.30am - W4A - St Bartholomew's
10.00am - Together at One Table - St James
11.15am - Holy Communion/Baptism - Christ Church
4.00pm - Advent Sequence - Christ Church
- Monday:** 9.10am - Shop Prayers
9.30am - Morning Prayer - Christ Church
3.00pm - Evening Prayer - St Mary's
- Tuesday:** 9.30am - Morning Prayer - St Mary's
11.15am - Funeral of Vicky Cooper - Huddersfield Crematorium
12.30pm - Funeral of Christine Hollinson- Huddersfield Crematorium
3.00pm - Evening Prayer - Christ Church
7.30pm - St James' DCC - Chris Ryan's
7.30pm - Women's Fellowship - St Bartholomew's
- Wednesday:** 9.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) - St Bartholomew's
10.00am - MCT Prayers - Baptist Church
1.00pm - Scarr Green Holy Communion
2.00pm - Helme Hall Communion
2.00pm - Crossroads Management Meeting - St Bartholomew's
2.45pm - Meltham Moor School Worship
3.00pm - Evening Prayer - St Mary's
7.30pm - PCC- St Bartholomew's
- Thursday:** 9.30am - Morning Prayer - Vicarage
11.00am - Funeral of Marion Hepworth - St Bartholomew's
3.00pm - Evening Prayer- St Bartholomew's
- Friday:** 10.30am - Coffee & Chat - St Bartholomew's
- Saturday:** 9.30am - Coffee Morning- St Bartholomew's
1.00pm - Wedding of Charlotte and Aaron - St Bartholomew's
Meltham Lights Switch-on
7.00pm - Family Social (including finals of Meltham's Got Talent)
- Sunday:** 9.30am - Holy Communion - St Bartholomew's
10.00am - Holy Communion - St James
11.00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's
11.15am - Holy Communion - Christ Church
4.00pm - Carols in the Park

Useful Information/Numbers:

MCT Prayer Chain - If you have prayer needs, however small or big, there is a prayer chain group, who operate in strict confidentiality, who await your requests.

Contact Revd Peter Rolls 01484 340342,
Hester Deacon 01484 657069

Crossroads Centre - Citizen's Advice Bureau, Benefit's Advice, Debt Advice, Free Legal Advice, advice and support. The Centre is open weekdays 10.00am - 12.30pm. Call in or telephone: 01484 854400 to make an appointment.

Crossroads Foodbank - Helping people in need in Meltham for further information please ring the Crossroads Centre: 01484 854400 / 07958 217215, or the Welcome Centre: 01484 340034.

The Diocese of West Yorkshire & the Dales

GROWING YOUR Church

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

CAROLS IN THE PARK

4th December

Don't forget your wellies and your torches

