**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sundays**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 1st & 3rd Sunday

 Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) 2nd & 4th Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

 Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship ) 2nd,3rd & 4th Sunday

with Sunday Club and Crèche (followed by tea or coffee fellowship)

Services on the 5th Sunday as announced

**Healing**

A Healing Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 8.00am communion service and also at 10.30am. Unless otherwise announced.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms will take place (by prior arrangement) at 12.15 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month, except during Lent. The November service is held on the third Sunday only To arrange a Baptism see Mr. Keith Houghton MBE after the 10:30 am service (approx 11:45am) ( 01942 797838).

**Arrangements for Weddings**

For weddings, parishioners should see Rev. Martin Cox at the Vicarage. Please telephone and make an appointment in advance (01942 883313) .

**Pastoral Needs and Visits**

Parishioners with pastoral needs (requests for counselling, personal problems or advising of illness) or any request of an urgent nature should contact the vicarage direct on telephone 01942 883313.

Housebound sick communions can also be undertaken and any parishioner not presently on the sick communion list, who wishes to be considered to receive such a visit, should advise clergy accordingly.

***Martin, our Team Rector, has a rest day towards the end of each week. Please make contact with him as you need to on 01942 883313 and he will respond to you as speedily as he can.***

**St. George’s Church**

We now have a website for you to use, with lots of up to date and interesting information. We welcome your feedback.

http://www.tyldesleystgeorge.co.uk

**The Parish Church of**

**St. George, Tyldesley.**

**December 2018**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

**Team Rector: Rev. Martin B Cox**

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***01942 883313***

**Team Vicar: Rev. Julian Hartley**

St. John’s Vicarage, Mosley Common

 ***0161 790 2957***

**Ordained Local Rev. Angela J Dand**

**Minister: *01942 879608***

**Reader : Mr. David Kerfoot**

 ***01942 870736***

**Churchwarden: Mrs. Kathleen Topping**

 ***01942 884746***

 **Mr. Iain Hodcroft**

 **07976 314012**

**Treasurer**

**“Together in worship, love and service”**

**December Edition 2018**

Advent is a time of reflection and preparation not only for the birth of the Christ child but also for the second coming of Christ. Justin Welby said that Advent is also a time when we should be asking ourselves “What does God want his people to look like in our age?”

The answer to this question is set out plainly for us to read in the Bible.

Each year, we prepare to celebrate Jesus’s birth and then follow his story in the gospels and beyond. Jesus shows us for all time exactly how God wants us to live. His example of unconditional love, grace, forgiveness and promise of eternal life is there for us to read and to experience. It is unchanging.

One of my favourite carols is “It came upon the midnight clear”. It starts with the angels’ familiar song “Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from Heaven’s all gracious king. The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing”.

Although that message has continued over two thousand years, “man, at war with man, hears not the love-song which they bring; Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing”.

It ends with a message of hope, the second coming, “when peace shall over all the earth, its ancient splendours fling, and the whole world give back the song, which now the angels sing”.

The verses mirror human response to the kingdom of God over the ages. We hear, respond, many turn away or fall away, but God’s message of love and hope cannot be overcome. In the end, it will win through.

Current events can feel unsettling. At present, the uncertainty over Brexit dominates the news with controversy over the newly published draft withdrawal document. There is a media feeding frenzy over the resulting political infighting, behaviour that falls far short of the respect and wise counsel required to move the issue to its conclusion.

In contrast, we united on Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War. We have lived in peace and co-operation alongside our western European neighbours, with whom we

**From the Registers October 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**

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| 5th  | Team Prayers |   |   | 8 |
|   | Funeral |   |   | 150 |
| 7th  | Holy Communion | 9  |   | 9 |
|   | Morning Praise |   | 6 | 48 |
| 12th  | Team Prayers |   |   | 8  |
| 14th  | Morning Prayer |   |   | 4  |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 40  | 4  | 43 |
|   | Holy Baptism |   |   |   |
| 19th  | Team Prayers |   |   | 10  |
| 21st  | Holy Communion | 6  |   |  6 |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 38 | 3 | 38 |
|   | Wedding Blessing |   | 3  | 150 |
| 26th  | Team Prayers |   |   | 6  |
|   | Funeral |   |   | 14 |
| 28th  | Morning Prayer  |   |   |  6  |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 34  | 2  | 46 |
|   |  Holy Baptism |   | 4  | 50  |
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**Collection Totals October 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**£291.85 £20.00 £768.00 £412.49**Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund** £10-00 / per week**Donations** £30.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £20.00 |

**Services in December**

**Thursday 6th December**

 6.00pm Community Carol Service

**Friday 7th December**

 6.30pm – 10.30pm Gin Festival

**Saturday 8th December**

 I.00pm – 4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival

**Sunday 9th December**

 4.00pm Concert by Fairey Brass Band

**Thursday 20th December**

 10.00am St. Georges Central KS2 Christmas Service

**Sunday 23rd December.**

 8.00am Said Morning Prayer

   10.30am Parish Eucharist

   4.00pm Team Carol Service followed  by seasonal refreshments

**Monday 24th December Christmas Eve**

 11.30pm Choral Eucharist for Christmas

**Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day**

 9.30am Family Eucharist for Christmas.

**Sunday 30th December**

    10.30am Team Eucharist for  Christmas.

have a shared history and culture, since 1945. Such positive relationships are part of God’s plan for his creation.

So this Advent, let us reflect on our many blessings and have confidence in the timeless message of the Christ child. I believe that God wants us to be faithful people who engage fully in his world, reflecting his love and hope in the relationships we build.

With all Christmas blessings.

Angela.

**Welcome to the Family**

Georgia Jane Tuckwell

Toni Louise Ince

Skylar May Lindley

*Newly Baptised*

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Marjorie Howcroft for her donation of £30.00 towards the repair of the Sound System.

Our thanks go to Susie for making arrangements for the Choir that she sings in to come into Church on Saturday 10th November 2018. Everyone who attended enjoyed it immensely.

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**December Flower List**

'We thank the following members of our congregation

for Altar flowers in December”

 2nd December. Mr & Mrs J Fearick

 The Family of Fiona Cant

 The family of the late Mrs F Holtom

 9th December. Mrs Jean Pearson

 16th December. Mrs Alma Sharratt

 Mrs A Allred

 23rd December. Mrs Doris Harrison

 30th December. Mrs E Barton

On 18th November we thank Mrs Marion Thomason and Family for additional flowers In Loving Memory of her dear husband Fred.

On 25th November we thank Mrs June Rushby and Family for additional flowers with Loving Memory of her dear husband Fred

Our thanks to Lynda at “Arts and Flowers” for kindly providing the Chaplet on Remembrance Sunday.

The Flower team will be decorating the church in readiness for Christmas in a few weeks time. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost, in memory of a loved one, please contact any member of the Flower team.....We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower Fund during October.

L.F.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Advance Notice\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Further information will follow in due course but dates for the next Team Weekend at Scargill House are confirmed as Friday 10th till Sunday 12th May 2019.

If you want to know more about Scargill House you can explore their website:

[www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org/)

or speak to Susie Mallon / Iain Hodcroft who will do their best to answer your query.