**Parish Dates From December 2022**

**Tuesday 20th Dec 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge**

**CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00pm CRIB SERVICE**

**11.15pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE Carols and Communion.**

**Sunday 1st Jan 2023 10.30am Parish Communion.**

**Tuesday 3rd Jan. 10.15am Morning Prayer in the Lodge.**

**Thursday 5th Jan. 4.30pm Chat and Chocolate in the Lodge.**

**Sunday 8th Jan 9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School**

**Tuesday 10th Dec 10.15am Morning Prayer in the Lodge**

**Thursday 12th Jan. 4.30pm Bible and Biscuits in the Lodge.**

**Sunday 15th Jan 9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School**

**followed by at 12.00noon St Michael’s Players – ‘There came three soldiers’**

**Tuesday 17th Dec 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge.**

**Wednesday 18th Jan. 7.15pm Alpha 2 begins in the Lodge.**

**Thursday 19th Jan. 4.30pm Chat and Chocolate in the Lodge.**

**Sunday 22nd Jan. 9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School**

**3.45pm PARTY CHURCH in St. Michael’s School**

**Tuesday 24th Dec 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge.**

**Wednesday 25th Jan. 7.15pm Alpha 2 in the Lodge.**

**Thursday 26th Jan. 4.30pm Bible and Biscuits in the Lodge.**

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**Welcome to our Church.**

**Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service which today will be in the church**

***Sunday 18th December 2022***

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**‘He will save His people from their sins’. -** *Matthew 1 v 21****.***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth**

**of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the**

**birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**9.00am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) begins p237**

**10.30am: Parish Communion** **with Sunday School**.

**Reading: Matthew 1: v 18-25.**

**Hymns:** (All numbers from Carol Sheet)

**10 – Hark the herald angels sing.**

**6 – Away in a manger.**

**14 – It came upon a midnight clear.**

**7 – While shepherds watched their flocks.**

**11 – Joy to the world.**

**HC Hymns: Screen – From the squalor of a borrowed stable.**

**5 – The first Nowell.**

**12.30pm- 2.00pm Sunday School Christmas Party in the Lodge.**

**4.00pm: Holy Communion – Old Mill Court.**

**Reading: Matthew 1: v 18-25.** This is how the birth of Jesus the Christ came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**Prayer:** We pray for all our Christmas Services and Celebrations yet to take place. We pray for the sick especially Erika Ivy, Sam Burns, Christine Barker, Mona Lewis, Antonietta Broadhurst, Isaac Rostron, Margaret Thornborrow, Andy Shaw, Beryl and Bill Carr. We give thanks for the life of Muriel Bamber, and pray for her family and friends.

**WATCHING IN HOPE – Copies of this Advent booklet published by the Diocese are still available in Church, please take one.**

**There are daily Bible readings with reflections through Advent.**

**Please borrow a Bible if necessary.**

**Suggested Bible readings from the booklet this week..**

Monday 19th Dec. Malachi 2: v 10-17. Tuesday 20th Dec. Malachi 3: v 1-5.

Wednesday. 21st Dec Malachi 3: v 6-12. Thursday 22nd Dec. Malachi 3: v 13-15.

Friday 23rd Dec. Malachi 4: v 1-6. Saturday 24th Dec. Samuel 2: v 1-10.

**Note – The Weekly Giving envelopes for 2023 are now in church by the font. Please collect yours and assist by passing on others if possible.**

**The Food Bank is urgently in need of supplies. Please help if you can.**

