**Parish Dates From January 2023**

**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**

**4.00pm Holy Communion (Old Mill Court)**

**Tuesday 10th Jan. 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 **12.00noon There came Three Soldiers (St Michael’s Players)**

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

**1.00pm Funeral of Geoffrey Oats**

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

**HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?**

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

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

**10.30am Morning Worship with Baptism of Dexter Holding.**

**3.45pm PARTY CHURCH (in St Michael’s School)**

**Monday 23rd Jan. 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Lodge.**

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

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

**WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

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

**Sunday 29th Jan. 9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School and**

**Baptism of Harry Tomlinson-Farrell.**

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Welcome to our Church and a Happy New Year.

Please stay for refreshments in the Lodge after the service.

***Sunday 1st January 2023***

**A NEW BEGINNING**

***This Child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many***. *Luke 2: v 34.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** **God our Father, help each one of us we pray this New Year to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can to all the people we can, as long as we can for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.**

**10.30am: Parish Communion.**

**Reading: Luke 2: v 25-35.**

**Hymns: Carol sheet 5 – The first Noel.**

**Carol sheet 18 – Angels from the realms of glory.**

**Screen: O Christ the same.** (words inside sheet)

** **Hymn book 409 – Lord for the years.**

**H/C Hymns: Screen – Mary did you know.**

**Hymn book 625 – Take my life.**

**No Sunday School today during the service.**

*There are toys and colouring sheets**for younger children at the back of church*

**Reading: Luke 2: v 25-35.** Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
     you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
     which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
     and the glory of your people Israel.’ The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

**Prayer:**At the beginning of a New Year we pray that 2023 may be filled with love, joy and peace. We pray for the sick especially Liz Boland, Erika Ivy, Sam Burns, Christine Barker, Mona Lewis, Antonietta Broadhurst, Isaac Rostron, Margaret Thornborrow, Andy Shaw, Carole Bamber, Beryl and Bill Carr. We give thanks for the lives of Jeanette Taylor & Geoff Oats & pray for their families & friends.

**ALPHA BEGINS AGAIN 7.15PM Wed 18th Jan –**

**in the Lodge**

**How does God Guide us ?**

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Many congratulations and good wishes to Scott and Lynn Eckersley on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary,

which took place between Christmas and the New Year.

**Suggested Bible Readings This Week.**

Monday 2nd Jan. Luke 2 v 15-21. Tuesday 3rd Jan. John 1: v 29-34.

Wed. 4th Jan. John 1: v 35-42. Thursday 5th Jan. John 1: v 43-end.

Friday 6th Jan. Mark 1: v 7-11. Saturday 7th Jan. John 2: v 1-11.

**O Christ the same**

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,

our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;

eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,

unchanging still, amid the passing years:

O living Word, the source of all creation,

who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,

we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing

our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,

still as of old upon your body bearing

the marks of love, in triumph glorified:

O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,

O Prince of life, in all your saving power,

O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,

we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping

our lives and loves, our days and years remain,

our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,

our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,

for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,

we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

