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9th December – ADVENT 2 - TOY SERVICE

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

SERVICES TODAY

8am Said Eucharist (Toy)
9.30am Sung Eucharist (Parade/Toy)
5.30pm Family Service (Toy)
5.30pm at All Saints Church, Rhodes
Carols by Request

SERVICES 10th – 16th DECEMBER

Monday - Friday, Morning Prayer (MP) 9.15am.
Wednesday - 10am Eucharist.
Sunday - 8am Said Eucharist; 9.30am, 5.30pm Family Service, followed by Holy communion
Baptisms 12.45 and 2pm

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK.

RIP: Ruby Jones (92) May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

UNWELL: those with dementia, cancer, illness or disability of any kind, who suffer in body, mind or spirit in any way, visibly or invisable - at home, hospital, nursing home or hospice – for the power of God's healing hand, the gentleness and patience of those who care, the love of family and friends.

H&M DEANERY, DMPC AND OUR PCCs: please pray for our work as we continue to explore God's purposes for us all here in the Heywood & Middleton Deanery through the development of our Mission Action Plan.

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.

MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 10th December.

Mon. Psalm 44; Isaiah 45: 14-end; 1 Thessalonians: 1.
Tues. Psalm 56; Isaiah 46; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12.
Wed. Psalm 62; Isaiah 47; 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-end.
Thurs. Psalm 54; Isaiah 48: 1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3.
Fri. Psalm 86; Isaiah 48: 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12.
Sat. Psalm 145; Isaiah 49: 1– 13; 1Thessalonians 4: 13-end.

NOTICES: INFORMATION: NEWS:

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Thank you to all who made this a very special occasion. Church looks fantastic. Please do take a look at the clever creations of so many of our groups involved in our church community.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Thank You, the response in November has been magnificent, 41 bags for life have been donated and transferred to the Foodbank so far.

MAGAZINE/FLYERS: December/January edition avaialable in Church, packed with information regarding our programme of events and services. Please have a good look to identify how you can join in, especially regarding the Blue Christmas Community Lunch, **22nd December** where assistance would be very much appreciated. See pages 4 & 5 of the magazine or pick up one of the flyers.

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE: Christmas Cards in support of the Jamboree will be on sale in the Old Vic, following the 9.30 Sunday Services during December. Cards are £3 per pack of 6 and they have been designed by Madeleine Foex.

CAROLS-BY-REQUEST: at All Saints Church, Rhodes at 5.30 today. A relaxed informal gathering singing the carols you choose to sing. Mulled wine and refreshments available.

CAFÉ CHURCH: Star or Angel? **12th December,** 2pm – 3.30pm in the Old Vic. Dementia friendly. Please see **page 24** of the magazine, it's fun.

CHURCH OPEN: 10.45 to 2.45pm **Wednesday 12th December** and also Saturday 15th December 9.30am to 12.30pm. Come and view our lovely display of Christmas Trees. Stalls selling Christian gifts still available while stocks last.

FAITH SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM SIGNING: Please book appointments through wardens for Rev'd Jackie on **Wed 12th 10.45 to 1.45 and Saturday 15th December 11am to 12.30pm**. This will be the last opportunity in 2018.

MOTHERS UNION: The final Thursday Prayer date for this year is **13th December** at 90 Deansgate. This will be a 'bring and share lunch' and we meet at 12noon. Thank You for your support and donations to the Winter Night Shelter. We have delivered 4 bags of items last week and we can make a further trip if there are any further items.

HOUGHTON WEAVERS AND MIDDLETON BRASS BAND (national Champions): Saturday **15th December** 7pm for 8pm. Ticket are almost sold out for what promises to be a great night – please see warden, Elaine for the final remaining tickets.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT THE COURTS: We will be singing Carols at Portal Court and Tonge Court, Monday **17th December** at 6.45pm and 8pm. **We require Singers please** so that we can ensure that the Residents do have at least this opportunity to sing Christmas Carols. Please let Joyce or John Robinson know if you are able to "Sing Along".

MIDDLETON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT: All Saints Church, Rhodes, **Wednesday 19th.** A free wonderful occasion.

BLUE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MEAL: Saturday **22nd December** 2pm**.** Please see flyers for details on how to book or help.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Sunday **23rd December** at 6.30pm together with Bishop Mark. It's our legendary Carol Service with the addition of the Lights from the Trees of our Tree Festival. Apart from the obvious it shall be **ENLIGHTENING**, don't miss out!

CRIB/NATIVITY SERVICE: Christmas Eve at 4.30pm. Come as your favourite Nativity character.

USED STAMPS: We will donate them to charity – please place in the box in the welcome area – ask a welcomer!

ST MICHAEL'S PRAYER CHAIN: Do you need someone to pray for you? It takes one phone call to May Towler, 643 2579, to activate the prayer chain. All we need is the name OR purpose we are to pray for, our Heavenly Father knows all the other details.

CHILDREN"S SOCIETY: Those who have collection boxes are requested to bring them into Church or make arrangements to hand them to either Ann Mackenzie or Yvonne Jennings please, during the next 2 or 3 weeks.

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PEW SHEET ENTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK to Peter Duce, pd21up@aol.com by **Wednesday evening**, please by 5pm, thanks.
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