



WHITFIELD PARISH

St James' | St Luke's

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10am St Luke's
Morning Praise
10.30am St James'
Holy Communion

Sunday 10 December

Advent 3 : The Promise of the King

St Luke's: Hebrews 1.1-12

St James': Matthew 1.18-25 & Romans 1.1-7

Welcome to St James' & St Luke's and to our services today.

If this is your first time, 'welcome!' We would love to meet you and give you one of our visitor packs, which are available at the back of church. If you wish to find out more about us, please fill in one of the WELCOME CARDS (also available at the back of church) and hand it to the person who led the service.

WHAT'S ON - News in and around Whitfield Parish

Christmas Gifts for a Local Child in Need There are still some baubles left if you would like to bless a child from the Whitfield community. **What to do:**

- Find the tree and list of names at the back of church.
- Choose a child from the list and sign your name in the space provided.
- Take the bauble for your chosen child.
- Please buy an age appropriate gift and place it under the tree.
- When you return the child's gift please TICK OR SIGN the sheet to show the gift has been returned.

Please ensure your gift is clearly identified with the child's name and age. Keep your child's bauble to use as a reminder of the child who you can pray for over the coming year. Names of children have been changed to protect their identity. The last Sunday to return your gift is **Sunday 17 December**. Please see Tracey Fellows, Joyce Phillips, Jenny Thomas or Hilary Wrigley for more info.

Messy Christingles Tuesday 12th December at 3.45pm in St Luke's Church A Christingle Service with a very messy theme! All primary aged children welcome.

Then Christingle at the Café is happening at 6.30pm at Café Jericho, Gamseley....Come along and invite your friends to one or both.



Bring and Share Lunch at St Luke's

The next one will be on Sunday 21 January after the morning service. Please put the date in your diary and come along and enjoy some congenial company and tasty food.



Carol Crawl The High St MAT is doing the annual carol crawl on 15 December, meeting at 7.45pm in The Oakwood. Come along and sing some carols in a few pubs (in nativity fancy dress if you feel brave). It's great fun and we love to get as many people along as possible. All welcome!

Think Shopping...think Easyfundraising

Doing any of your Christmas shopping on-line this year? Booking your 2018 holiday on-line? If yes, you could support Nick and Donna at Gamesley Community Café by shopping with most of the major retailers through the Easyfundraising website. Please sign up and support them at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cafejericho. The site then logs you into the website of your retailer and a percentage of whatever you spend goes directly to the café at no cost to you. Thank you, every penny really helps.



Please pick up a sheet of what is happening throughout December at the back of church

Our values are

Loving Jesus * Loving each other * Loving our town

Our vision is to reach and transform our town with the love of Jesus

Life Group Notes

Advent 3 : The Promise of the King –

Matthew 1.18-25 & Romans 1.1-7; Hebrews 1.1-12

These are rich passages of scripture: decide if you are going to look at them all or if you are going to choose just one or two.

1. What has 'stuck with you' most about Sunday's sermon?

Read together: the passage(s) you have chosen from above (St Luke's had Hebrews 1.1-12 on Sunday)

2. What surprises you about these passages?

- It may be that you know one or more of these passages well.
- Try reading them as if for the first time: is there anything you notice that has not struck you before?

3. What does it say about human nature?

- In these passages are profound truths about who Jesus is.
- Explore together what these passages say about Him, and about how He relates to the Father and the Spirit.
- In particular, consider what difference it makes to have a revelation of God's plan for the human race.
- What difference has it made to you?
- Share some testimony together to encourage each other.

4. What is God saying to you through the passage?

- In 2s or 3s, choose a phrase which resonates with you.
- Share it together and pray for one another, that the Lord will root His word deep into your life. Make a plan which will help this to happen. It might be that you decide to include this phrase in your daily prayers, for example, or you might have another idea which will work for you.?

5. How will you live this out this week? – at work, with your family/friends, with those you will meet this week

- How will living this out effect your family and friends?
- How does your hope in the coming King change the way you deal with periods of desperation in life? – and what does that say to your friends?

We meet to Learn Intercede have Fellowship and be fuelled for Evangelism

Key Contacts

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Office Hours

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Next Week's Services

Sunday 10 December

St Luke's & St James'

KK Christmas Altogether

St Luke's - 6.30pm

Carols by candlelight

Articles for the Grapevine

email

sarah@whitfieldparish.org

Next week is the final Grapevine until Sunday 7

January. Any requests for an

entry for the Grapevine will

need to be with Sarah by

Tuesday. Please email a word

copy of around 100 words

wherever possible of your

article.

What's On This Week in the Parish?

Monday

Parish Prayer 9.15am St Luke's Church

School Prayer 8.45am St Luke's School

Wednesday

School Prayer 9.00am St James' School

Karibuni 10-12pm St Luke's Church

Holy Communion 10.00am St James' Church

Thursday

Coffee Pot 10-11.30am St Luke's Church

Whitfield Café 1.30-3.30pm St James' Church

Please see the Website for further details of all that is happening www.whitfieldparish.org/living-life/events-calendar and the What's On page