

WHITFIELD PARISH

St James' | St Luke's

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**10am St Luke's &
10.30am St James'**
KK Christmas Altogether
St Luke's 6.30pm
Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17 December

Kingdom Kids Christmas Extravaganza
Isaiah 9:2,6 & 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 Thank you to everyone who has taken a bauble. Today is the last day to bring your gift. Please ensure your gift is clearly identified with the child's name and age and leave at the back of church. 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.

Pay It Forward this Christmas If you are going into Pico before Christmas you can buy a mug of coffee or soup for those in need this Christmas and they will be sharing on Christmas Eve.

Harvest Collection We have received a thank you from Bare Necessities (Glossopdale food bank) for the Harvest collection of £118.21 which will help those who are in food crisis in Glossopdale.



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.

Community Carols in The Square Wednesday 20 December 6.30pm

Please come along and bring your friends for a wonderful event where we will be singing some of the best known carols, Judith will be reading and Dan speaking about the heart of Christmas. The carols will be accompanied by Dark Peak Music with some wonderful young musicians. Refreshments will be served from 6.15pm. The local supermarkets have been amazing this year and wanted to join with us and have gifted us mince pies for the event. If you would be able to help serve on the night could you please get in touch with Suzy Bullivant or Jane Higginbottom

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke
2:11

Think Shopping...think Easyfundraising

Doing any of your last minute 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.

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



May the God of HOPE fill you WITH all JOY & PEACE

ROMANS
15 : 13

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas period from Wednesday 20 December. We will be relocating to The Vicarage, 16 Scotty Brook Crescent, Shirebrook on Tuesday 2nd January. The phone number will remain the same, 853330 as will all emails.

During the Christmas period, staff will not be working during the following times:

Sharon Murphy 16th December- 1st January
Jane Higginbottom 20th December-1st January
Julia Wilkins 25th December-1st January
Dan Leathers 26th December-1st January

In emergencies over the Christmas period can people please contact the Wardens or Deputy Wardens. Contact information can be found on whitfieldparish.org/who-are-we/meet-the-ministry-area-leaders.

Next Week's Services

Sunday 24 December

St James' – 4pm

Family celebration

St James' – 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

St Luke's – 11pm

Holy Communion

Monday 25 December

Altogether Parish Communion

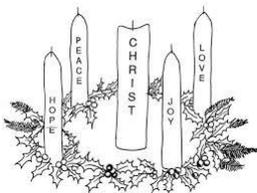
St James' 10.30am

Sunday 31 December

Joint Parish Altogether

St Luke's 10.00am

Join us in the New Year for our Parish **New Year's Brunch (7 January)** and celebration of all God has done in Whitfield Parish and beyond in 2017. This is a Chance to look back and thank him, look forward and dream dreams. So please everyone who can, join us at 10.30am at St James' for a great start to the new year followed by the **Soulbox** event which is 1-3pm. Soulbox is a band from The Message who play soul, rap and beatbox. Everyone is invited and please do invite friends. Lunch will be provided at this too.



Please remember to take some Christmas invitations today and share with your friends and neighbours this week. They have all of our services in there and a great message of hope.

This is the last Grapevine until Sunday 7 January. We wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. As our Christmas message this year shares "The best gift of all can not be bought. It isn't for sale. It can only be received as a free gift. Joy as we see what the birth of Jesus means to us, and a deep peace that reassures us we are loved and belong to Him. Those gifts don't break or loose their appeal....they last forever." *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*