

St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heatons Team



Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion

Third Sunday of
Advent
11th December 2022

John in prison
Matthew 11:2-11

Today's Hymns

Numbered hymns are in English Hymnal (green book)
Hark a heard voice is calling **5**
On Jordan's bank **12**
Lo, He comes with clouds descending **9**
The race that long in darkness pined **57**
All over the world (*back of sheet*)

Readings

Isaiah 35.1-10
James 5.7-10

Today's Gospel

Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

We are praying for...

In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week
Margaret Edmondson 12th December 2014
Judith Whitney 15th December 2004
Dorothy Cheetham 15th December 2006
Robert (Bert) Lewis 15th December 2012

'May they rest in peace, and rise in glory'

Also in our prayers

Raymond; Jeremy; Jean; Rev Canon Marcia; Derek; Peggy; Sandra; Pam.

We pray for the family and friends of Alan Jones who has died recently.

Our neighbours

In December we are praying for Shaw Road, Green Lane, Heaton Moor Road, and all our local shops and businesses.

Services this week

(services are at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

We are a people of prayer and we would like to encourage others to pray with us or just to sit in the presence of God in our churches.

TODAY Sunday 11th December 4.00pm

Christingle Service. We will be joined at St Paul's by Heaton Moor United Church, Laurel Lane Singers and Belle Vue Brass Band.



Tuesday 13th December St John's 9:30am Morning Prayer followed by light breakfast (and bible study during Advent, please see Diary Dates below)

Wednesday 14th December 9.45am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion followed by 'Brew in a Pew' see below in Diary Dates

Thursday 15th December 6.00-6.30pm Evening Prayer.

Advent and Christmas Diary dates

(at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 13th and 20th December there will be a bible study at **St John's** after morning prayer. 09:30 Morning prayer, 10:00 light breakfast, 10:15 bible study/discussion group led by Peter Smith. People can attend for just morning prayer, or just the bible study, or both! You are invited to bring your own bible if you like.

Saturday 17th December 6:30pm Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in a candlelit Church. Followed by wine and mince pies.

Sunday 18th December 11:00am St John's. Carols and Christingles featuring St. John's School Choir and St John's Steel Band. Followed by refreshments.

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Saturday 24th December 3.00pm Crib Service. Interactive Family service. Please come dressed as Mary, Joseph, a King, a star or an animal!

Saturday 24th December 11:30pm St John's Midnight Service of Holy Communion for Christmas.

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day 10:30am Family Holy Communion St Paul's.

Christmas Tree festival. The churches will be open during Advent for the community to see the trees :

St Paul's:

Wednesdays 10.00am- 12noon

Thursdays 5.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday 17th 11.00am-12noon with refreshments available.

St John's:

Mondays 3.30-5.00pm

Tuesday 10.00-11:30am

Saturday 17th 11.00am-12noon with refreshments available.

Reverse Advent Calendar People are invited to donate an item of food to the food bank for every day during advent. The idea is instead of getting a treat when you open an advent window, you give a gift of an item of food . There will be a box at the back of the church for your donations. These will be blessed on Christmas Day morning at St Paul's and taken to Wellspring/ food bank.

Every Wednesday 'Brew in a Pew' 10.30-12.00 Tea, coffee and cake following Holy Communion, with quizzes, piano and singing, or just enjoy a **'Warm Space'**.

Every Monday at St John's 1.30-3.30 Coffee and Conversation in a 'Warm Space' Light-hearted conversation and friendly company every Monday.

Advent and Christmas Volunteers

The church will be open for the community to view the trees in the **Christmas Tree Festival** during December on

Wednesdays 10.30-12.00

Thursdays 5.30-6.30

Saturday 17th 10.00-11.00

We are looking for volunteers to welcome people into church during those times, and serve refreshments on the Saturdays – could you help?



We also need additional volunteers to welcome people and help with refreshments during our additional Christmas services

You don't need to have done it before or have been coming to church for a long time – just be able to smile and say hello. If you think you could help please see Liz or Eleanor.



We are also looking for help with our coffee morning on Wednesday mornings

We are having a regular gathering from Heaton School. If you think you might be able to help, even if just occasionally, you would be very welcome!



Can you help Stockport Lamplighters (Rotary) with their Santa Float on 20th December?

It is an opportunity for us to reciprocate the generous help they have given us this year! They need help outside Morrisons in Reddish on Tues 20th December either 12.00-2.00 or 2.00-4.00. Please could you let Liz know if you would like to help.



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Please take this sheet home with you for reflection and prayer and another one for someone who may like it.

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Hymn

All over the world the Spirit is moving,
all over the world,
as the prophets said it would be.
All over the world there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.

All over this land the Spirit is moving...

All over the Church the Spirit is moving...

All over us all the Spirit is moving...

Deep down in my heart the Spirit is moving...