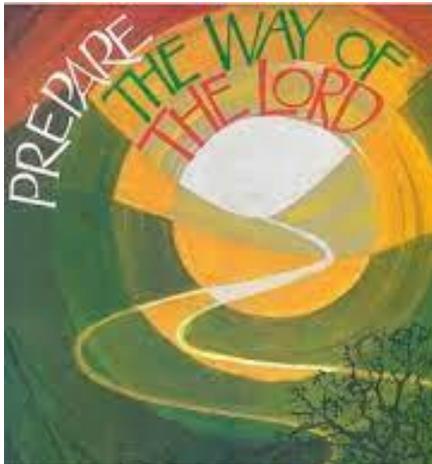


# St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heaton's Team

## Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### Toy Service

*Your donations of unwrapped gifts will be given to underprivileged children in our area.*

### Today's Hymns

Numbered hymns are in English Hymnal (green book)  
Once in Royal David's city **34**  
Long ago **10**  
Love Divine **408**  
O come O come Emmanuel **11**  
Many years ago - **to the tune of jingle bells**

### Readings

**Isaiah 11.1-10**  
**Romans 15.4-13**

### Today's Gospel

**Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned

you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### We are praying for...

#### In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week

Phyllis Eyres	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2013
Maimie Pendlebury	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
David W. Jepson	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Phyllis Marsden	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2004
Margaret Connell	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2013

*'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 Gordon Viney whose funeral will be held at St Paul's on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm** St Nicholas Day Service. Lantern Parade from Heaton's Hub to **St Paul's**. Family Friendly service where St Nicholas will come and give gifts to the children. Refreshments afterwards. The Christmas Trees for the Christmas Tree festival will be lit.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December St John's 9:30am** Morning Prayer followed by light breakfast (and bible study during Advent, please see Diary Dates below)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion followed by 'Brew in a Pew' see below in Diary Dates

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6.00-6.30pm** Evening Prayer.

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## Advent and Christmas Diary dates

(at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm** Lantern Parade from St. John's School to **St John's Church**. 3;30pm St Nicholas Day service. A family friendly service where St Nicholas will give gifts to the children. The Christmas trees from the Christmas tree festival will be lit.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm** Carols and Christingles - joint with Heaton Moor United Church featuring Belle Vue Brass band and Laurel Lane Singers in addition to St Paul's choir and organist.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm** Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in a candlelit Church. Followed by refreshments.

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

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

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 10th and 17th 11.00am-12noon with refreshments available.

### St John's:

Mondays 3.30-5.00pm

Tuesday 10.00-11:30am

Saturday 10th and 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Would you like to help make Christingles for our service with Heaton Moor United Church?**



The service is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. If you are able to help pierce oranges we are making them at 2pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at the vicarage.

**Can you help Stockport Lamplighters (Rotary) with their Santa Float on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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