

Christmas 2021 Services at St Cross

Sunday December 19th @ 4.30pm

A traditional candlelit service of lessons and carols.

Wednesday December 22nd @ 4pm -

The Christingle: a service for all ages to celebrate Jesus' birth.

There will be a collection for The Children's Society.

Christmas Eve @ 11.30pm

We celebrate the beginning of the Festival with the first Eucharist of Christmas. (Midnight Mass)

O come let us adore him.

Christmas Day @ 10am Family Eucharist

St. Stephen (Boxing Day- Sunday 26th) @ 10am

Said Eucharist with carols

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ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD



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to God
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SUNDAY 28th November 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10am Eucharist

Welcome to St Cross for our morning eucharist.

As per the pink safety leaflet please remember

'Hands - Face - Space' at ALL times.

The Collect for the day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians :

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’



All Age Worship

Family Service at St Cross Knutsford

Sunday December 5th at 10am

Donations of new, unwrapped toys suitable for 0-12 year old children can still be brought on the day

We welcome a representative from 'Ruby's Fund' to collect our gifts.

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 19th at 4.30pm

Christmas Lessons and Carols Service

Malyn is willing to run some practices for this service on Wednesdays after refreshments (11.15am approx) until 12noon at the latest.

We only have three Wednesdays between now and then (1st, 8th, 15th)

Whilst I am thinking of the music group in particular, the group would welcome additional vocal support, and all who would like to take part should feel welcome to join in with this.

Malyn has also indicated that if any people who cannot get to rehearsals (thinking of working age / children), but would like to be part of this, she can be contacted to make particular arrangements.

Revd Paul / Malyn

Friday 26th Nov. to Sun 5th Dec. at St Catherine's Church, Over Alderley - The Knitted Bible (33 Bible Scenes) on a national tour. Please see our website under 'Special Events' for more information. *Revd Paul.*

This is the final week for the **toy collection for Ruby's Fund**; more details on the display in church, from Mary, and on our website. Please note, gifts for 0-12 years, unwrapped. *Thank you. Mary.*

Please leave the hymnbook and pink safety leaflet in church on your seat. Take this leaflet home with you and return the service booklet to the Attendants.

The last two pages of this booklet could be used as an invitation for a friend or relative.

Thank you.

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Luke 21.25-36

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

