

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Yvonne Rumble and family
Tue	Leticia & Witley Seong and family
Wed	Beryl shakes and family
Thurs	Linda Simpson & Mark and family
Fri	Anne Slann and family
Sat	Kath Smith and family
Sun	Rosemary Smith and family

Christmas Services

29th November
10am - 2pm Christmas Craft Fayre

7th December
10.30am Children's Nativity Christmas Service
Come dressed as someone from the nativity

14th December
4:30pm Christingle Service
There will be fun, carols and oranges. This service is perfect for all the family

21st December
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
A traditional service of carols and readings with mulled wine and mince pies served after the service

24th December, Christmas Eve
11pm Midnight Holy Communion Service
Traditional Carols & Communion service seeing in Christmas Day

25th December
10am Christmas Day Service
An informal all-age celebration

28th December
10am Carols & Holy Communion Service



Sunday 30th Nov Advent Sunday



Yvonne McCracken will be selling **Scout Christmas stamps** between the services on Sunday. They cost 45p each.

Coming Up

Every Monday lunchtime, a prayer meeting is held at church in the quiet room from 12:30 to 1pm.

Every Tuesday evening, a prayer meeting is held on Zoom at 7:30pm to 8pm.
Meeting ID: 847 2365 8702
Passcode: 321957

Wednesday Communion service at 11am followed by light lunch in the hall.

Services for Next Sunday			
7th December Advent 2	9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Tony Njoroge
	10.30am	All Age Nativity service	

Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please

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Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	1662 Holy Communion	Patches Chabala	Mark 5: 21-43
10.30 am	Morning Praise		

Verses for the week & reflection:

We have 25 days to go to Christmas from this Sunday! The cards are arriving in the post; the decorations are going up; carols will be sung in churches; special food will be prepared. There is increase pressure to buy the best gift for those we love. How easy it is to miss the central message of the season. God so loved you and me that He sent Jesus.

Will you consider Him to be your LORD and Saviour? Will you consider making Him known to your family and friends this Christmas?

If so, that is a cause for major celebration!

May our prayer be that the good news of our Saviour's birth be heard amid all the clamour and noise of competing voices and that churches across the nations of the world will be faithful in telling the good news and encourage all Christians to be confident in Jesus. For it is Him who is the reason for this season.

Every blessing,

Patches

Prayers:

*As you prepare to walk in this week, pray that you be a better example of Christ both in your words and actions to those around you?

* December marks the end of another year – a year filled with both challenges and blessings, losses and gains, tears and laughter. May the Lord enable our hearts to be full of reflection and gratitude for his faithfulness through it all.

* Lord, enable us to recognize the lessons learned, the growth experienced, and the grace you have abundantly provided. Let us carry forward the wisdom gained into the new year, trusting in your continual guidance and care.

Please Note:

Our last Wednesday Communion this year is Wednesday 3rd December and will resume next year on Wednesday 14th January 2026

Our last prayer meeting this year for (Monday 12:30pm) will be Monday 8th December and Tuesday (on Zoom) will be Tuesday 9th December. We will resume next year on Monday 12th January.

Christmas Choir

This year sees the return of the Christmas choir. We will be singing two songs in the Carol service on 21st December. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to join the choir even if you are not normally part of the music group. You would need to come to the practices, which will be in church at 7:30pm on Wednesday 10th and 17th December. If you are interested, please speak to Simon Robertson.



Giving Envelopes

The Giving envelopes for 2026 are now ready. If you give by this means, please don't forget to pick up your pack at the end of today's service.

The **Christmas card boxes** will be available again from 7th December. If you have Christmas cards for members of the congregation, please put them in the boxes in Alphabetical Surname order. Please make sure the intended recipient is still attending St. John's as we cannot be responsible for uncollected cards.

412 Youth

Our next meet up is Sunday 7th December 4pm at Rodbourne Baptist church meeting up with their youth.

Parents please keep an eye on the notices and messages for future dates. We also now have a group chat to post details of future events

Natalie x



Christmas Carnival!

*"The best way to spread Christmas cheer
is singing loud for all to hear." – Buddy*

Friday 5th December | 4pm - 7pm | GLL Haydon Leisure Centre Sports Hall

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