

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Mary Southgate and family
Tue	Pauline Stacey and family
Wed	Ann Startin-Field and family
Thurs	Susan Sweetman and family
Fri	Joan Titcombe and family
Sat	Barbara Tonkin and family
Sun	Tom & Heather Vandamme and family

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

Services for Next Sunday			
14th Dec Advent 3	10.00am	Holy Communion	Peter Fletcher
	4.30pm	Christingle service	Patches Chabala

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



Sunday 7th Dec Advent 2



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Day Off: Friday

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Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Tony Njoroge	Matthew 3:1-12
10.30 am	All Age Nativity	Patches Chabala	Luke 1:26-38

Verses for the week & reflection:

"And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat" (Mark 6:31).

REST:

Rest is what we all need but what many of us neglect. You must get to a point where you make rest and taking care of yourself a priority. Unfortunately, it is one of those things that are easier said than done. Some cannot rest due to continuous work to provide financially for themselves, and they are those who cannot rest because everything falls on them, if they stop then everything comes to an end. Others have been going nonstop for so long, they truly don't know how to rest. My prayer for you in the festival season is that whatever side of the spectrum you find yourself on, allow yourself some REST this season. May peace be your portion and joy be your newfound gift.

Every blessing,

Patches



Stratton St Margaret Parish Church

ROUTE 8 BARBER'S AND JUSTI'S HAIR AND BEAUTY'S

Free Christmas Day Breakfast & Lunch

25TH DECEMBER 2025

Breakfast: 7am - 10am
Lunch: 12pm - 3pm

Meadowcroft Community Centre Hall, SN2 7JX

PLEASE CONTACT SYLVESTER TO BOOK:
07305 525866



Please Note:

There will be no Sunday School during our services in December

Wednesday Communion Service 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.

A Big Thank you!!

To all those who helped in any way to make the Christmas Fair a success. Our engagement with people in our community was amazing. See below what one of our parishioner said:

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you for Saturday. This has quickly come to be one of my favourite fairs. This is down to the people running it and a lovely mix of stall holders. Please remember me for any future events.

... I meant to pick up a leaflet about Christmas services, are they published anywhere? Specifically a Christingle service ..."

As well as engaging with our local community, the event raised £268.61 which will be used for future Youth Work.

Christmas Services

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

