

PRIMLEY CHURCH - DECEMBER 2022

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling:

Dec 2nd - 'Late Night Shopping' in the town. The Parish Church will be selling Fairtrade Christmas cards and food.

Dec 9th -12th St Francis mini Christmas Tree Festival with refreshments and a Fairtrade stall.

Dec 11th - Primley Carol Service. Coffee and Mince Pies

Dec 25th - NO SERVICE

Jan 8th 2023 - Community Friendship Lunch

ROTAS					
December	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th	Jan 1 st
Elder	Richard	Roger	Maggie	NO	Barbara
Door Stewards	Chrissy	Sue	Jill	SERVICE	Alison
DECEMBER		PREACHERS			
4 th		Geoff Powell			
11 ^h		CAROL SERVICE READINGS AND CAROLS			
18 th		Rev Sabrina Groeshel and Young Volunteers			
25 th		CHRISTMAS DAY NO SERVICE			
Jan 1 st 2023		Rev Caroline Stott			

Advent is the Season of Waiting.

At home we might be waiting for food to be ready or for the kettle to boil, for the call to say dinner's ready, the washing to finish, or a delivery to arrive.

In our relationships, we might be waiting for a phone call, a letter, or a text or email. We might be preparing for friends or relatives to arrive.

On the move we might be waiting for a bus, a train or a taxi or be stuck in a traffic jam. We might be waiting until it is our turn to speak, act, play, or waiting in the line of a seemingly endless queue.

The symbols of waiting are varied too. An egg timer, a clock, or perhaps we count down or cross off days on a calendar, or when children count the number of sleeps 'til Christmas Day!

But while we wait and hope for a better and more peaceful future, we need to connect with those who cry out for peace, justice, relief from suffering and hunger.

We see Jesus in the faces of those who run food banks, warm spaces, soup kitchens, and Christmas Lunches for the lonely. Also those who are welcoming to the refugees, feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless and healing the sick.

During this time of waiting let us become God's messengers of love, and after the waiting, as we journey into the New Year, may we wait on God for His love and guidance,

Wishing you all a very happy and contented Christmas, and a New Year full of joy and peace.

Please contact Maggie for anything you wish to be announced each month: maggieknights@hotmail.com, 01395 597464 or 07980 581731

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