



WEEKS

COMMENCING 23rd & 30th December 2007

**This Sunday**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8.00am  
10.00am**

**Eucharist  
Sung Eucharist  
with Sunday Club Presentation  
President: The Revd Richard Holroyd  
Christingle Making in the Parish Centre  
Journeying with the Magi  
Officiant: Noeline Page**

**2.00pm  
6.00pm**

*Readings:*

*Old Testament: Isaiah 7.10-16  
New Testament: Romans 1.1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1.18 – end*

Christmas Eve  
Mon 24th

4.00pm Christingle I  
5.00pm Christingle II  
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist  
President: The Revd R.Holroyd  
Preacher: Noeline Page

Christmas Day  
Tues 25th

10.00am Sung Eucharist  
President: The Revd Dick Cheek  
Preacher: Sonya Clarke

**Next Sunday**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**8.00am  
10.00am**

**Eucharist  
Sung Eucharist  
President: The Revd Dick Cheek  
Preacher: Sonya Clarke**

*Readings:*

*Old Testament: Isaiah 63.7-9  
New Testament: Hebrews 2.10-18  
Gospel: Matthew 2.13-23*

JAN  
Tues 1st

NO Eucharist

Weds 2nd

10.00am Eucharist

Fri 4th

8.00pm Choir Practice

**Sunday 6th**

**EPIPHANY**

**8.00am  
10.00am**

**Eucharist  
'Magic Carpet' Service.  
All-age Worship with Eucharist  
President: The Revd Richard Holroyd  
Preacher: Sonya Clarke**

## OUR WORSHIP

*If you are visiting us for the first time we would like to get to know you better. Please fill in one of the yellow welcome cards and hand it to someone on duty before you leave. Better still, stay and have a chat over a cup of coffee after the 10.00am service. Children and young people are welcome to join the groups which meet during the service. Please feel free to take a toddler to the children's corner at the back of the church if they are getting restless, but do stay with them.*

*The chapel is available as a quiet place for prayer after services and whenever the church is open. Please feel free to take advantage of it.*

***Please keep the car parking space in the churchyard free for the disabled and frail elderly. Thank you.***

**Choir Vestry Makeover:** I would like to express my thanks to all who have helped with the transformation of the Choir Vestry and the sorting and rehousing there of the extensive Choir Music Library. Sue Maclean, Mary Pennington and Clare Price have helped me over many hours reorganising and listing the music, and others have assisted with furniture removal, cleaning and the installation of new shelving. We can now feel proud of the achievement. If you have not seen this wonder which has been wrought, do take a look in the Choir Vestry where you will see the new shelving, the new music boxes neatly arranged and a matching desk generously donated by Phyllis. Many thanks to all concerned. John Cotterill, Director of Music.

**Swimarathon:** Please note that the Swimarathon is a week later than usual and is on Saturday, 12th January 2008. As usual St.Luke's welcomes everyone willing to swim, support, or sponsor. Time this year is 11.30 for 12.00 swim.

**Canticle (Junior Choir):** A small group of singers (or a group of small singers) will begin meeting for a 20min practice on Sundays at 11.30am in the New Year. Age of participants is flexible but they need to be rising 9 or so. Please see me or John Cotterill if you would like to join in. Richard H.

**Church Care Time:** Saturday, 26th January 9am-12.30pm. Please note the date if you think you can help with various DIY tasks around the church. Roger Bevitt

**St Luke's Tours - Trip to Keukenhof Gardens, Amsterdam and Volendam.** There are still 2 spaces left. Everyone is welcome until we have sold all the places!

**Journeying with the Magi:** A series of three services for Advent, concluding on 23rd December at 6pm imagining the journey of the Three Kings.

**Christmas Lights:** The Burdett's are holding their annual 'open house' on Sunday 23rd from 6pm-8pm at 30 Mallow Park (off Cranbrook Drive). Please feel free to drop in for coffee/tea and a mince pie, and to see and hear Richard's Christmas Illuminations.

A small donation towards the Blue Peter appeal (which this year is helping Barnado's support young carers across the UK) would be gratefully received by Matthew, Harriet and Andrew!

**Knick-Knacks:** Helen Poynter would like to borrow cowbells,

ederhosen, etc. for the Austrian evening in January.

**Boxing Day Ramble:** Meet at 10.45am at the very end of Ockwells Road, immediately adjacent to the A404(M) (MR: SU881792). All are welcome to join us on the traditional St. Luke's Boxing Day walk, on this occasion a non-taxing flat 3.25 miles. Ideal if you have over indulged in turkey, Christmas Pud' etc. Afterwards all are equally invited to a simple lunch at 5 Wentworth Crescent. For more details please speak to myself or Sonya. Look forward to seeing you, Roger C. (T.671795)

**St.Luke's Thursday Group:** our carol singing this year for both Monday evenings, realised the wonderful figure of £130.71 which will be sent to The Children's Society. Grateful thanks go to the ladies who prepared the 'pies 'n' punch', to Richard who subjected his fingers to frost bite as he accompanied the singing with his flute and to all who came along to take the spirit of Christmas to those who live within our parish. Thank you all. Sonya

THE FLOODLIGHTING HAS BEEN SPONSORED  
THIS WEEK

by  
**The Baughan Family**

to celebrate  
**Robert's 18th Birthday**

by  
**Brian & Margaret McConkey**

celebrating the safe arrival of  
**Achary James McConkey**

and by  
**Jean Atkins**

in celebration of her mother's birthday  
which would have been on 27th November

## **Please Pray for**

the sick: Gillian Fitzpatrick, Emma, Tim Williams, Jane Brewer, Vaughan Russell, David Sherwood, Kate, Melanie Bibra, Win Reynolds, George Warburton, Alexander, Tricia Brown, Dicky Burrows  
Derek W.

those who have died Rosemary Gillman, William Wilson

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

12th Jan Austrian Evening

MUMS & TODDLERS meet  
in the CHURCH HALL  
THURSDAYS  
9.15am - 11.00am  
during term time

BROWNIES meet in the CHURCH HALL  
THURSDAYS 6.30pm - 7.45pm

THE SUNDAY CLUB  
for children aged 3-10 years : 10.00am each Sunday in  
the Church Hall  
(except 1st Sunday in month: All-age Worship in Church)

THE SPARKLERS  
for young people (10+) meets in the Parish Centre for  
discussions. "Sparklers" leave church before the sermon.

### **GROUPS @ ST.LUKE'S**

The following groups are open for all to join:

Emmaus Discussion Group about aspects of our faith  
Contact: Eileen Goford (T.638238)

Emmaus 05, (2nd Course)

Contact: Sue Harbour (T.670246)

Timeout – topical issues aired and shared

Contact: Revd R. Holroyd (T.783033)

BRF Daylight Group (discussion about current bible  
reading notes)

Contact: Revd Dick Cheek (T.628484)

News-sheet material to be handed in at The Vicarage by  
Thursday MORNING please.

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