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3 December 2017, First Sunday of Advent, Year B
Year of Mission begins

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

“God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved”

PLEASE PRAY for all whose anniversary occurs at this time including Carolyn Sealey, Bernadette Tully, Bridget Broom, Deacon Bob Cornell and Elizabeth Newman. May they rest in peace.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – watch, prepare, behold, rejoice!

Christians Together in Shepton Mallet have arranged for four Bible Study meetings during Advent, each at 8pm in the Parish Room. The remaining dates are Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th and 19th. What better way to prepare for Christmas? Refreshments available.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Many thanks to those who donated, helped, or visited the Mini Bazaar after Mass last Sunday. We would love to have welcomed more people, but even so, raised £130.30 for parish funds.

MONTH OF PERPETUAL ADORATION AT DOWNSIDE

The month which began on November 1st in the Crypt Chapel at Downside Abbey is continuing into December (2nd - 9th) do please go along if you have a moment to spare. For more information contact rinabird@outlook.com..

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Many thanks for those who have enrolled their children. If there are any more, then please contact Fr Bede on bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com

CONFIRMATION

I am also now collecting names of young adults 13+ who wish to be confirmed. At the moment, I just need names and contact details, then I will put together the course and the confirmation date. Please contact me on bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com *Fr Bede*

100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the November Draw: 1st Gordon Pratten, 2nd Michael Smith. Subscriptions are due in January for 2018, just £12 for the year, or £13 if you are a new subscriber. Please see Julia Yardley to be sure your number(s) go in the drum in January.

ALPHA

As we reach our final session together on 4th Dec, we give thanks to all who attended and to the parish for their prayers as we have journeyed together each Monday evening, and drawn closer to the Lord.

ST PETER'S LIFELINE

Today after Mass please enjoy a cake with your morning coffee; all proceeds go to support our Kenyan student Andrew Kithati in his education; Read about Andrew on the notice board in the parish room.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK 3 – 10 December 2017

Sun	First Sunday of Advent, Year B	(In thanksgiving for Robin and Louis Barnes)	Exposition 8.15am – 8.45am, Mass at 9.00am
Mon	Weekday of Advent		No Service
Tue	Weekday of Advent		Mass at 9.15am
Wed	Weekday of Advent		No Service
Thur	St Ambrose		No Service
Fri	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Mass at 9.15am
Sat	Weekday of Advent		No Service
Sun	Second Sunday of Advent, Year B	(Bernadette Tully RIP)	Mass at 9.00am

Sunday Mass at St Mary's, Glastonbury, Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am and 6.00pm (Latin).

FROM THE ROTAS

TODAY 3 December

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, F Moreland, C Rossiter **The Word** Edward Moreland, Tim Horten-Smith

Coffee Danuta Szablewska

THIS WEEK AND NEXT SUNDAY :4 – 10 December

Cleaning Denis and Hilary Barnes

Flowers No flowers in Advent

Welcome Jacky Tucker

The Word Michael Smith, Caroline Hutton

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, D Barnes, C Davies

Coffee Tia Edwards

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last Sunday = £146.82 (incl. £55.00 Gift Aided) Thank you.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS There will be a retiring collection for this on 10th December.

PARISH DIARY

- Mon 4 Dec 6-8pm Alpha in the parish room – our final session.
- Tue 5 Dec 8pm Christians Together Advent Bible Study in the parish room.
- Wed 6 Dec 10.30-12.00 Christians Together Coffee Morning in the parish room.
- Wed 6 Dec 7pm Legion of Mary meeting in the parish room.
- Sat 9 Dec 10am-3pm Soaking Prayer in the parish room – see below
- Mon 11 Dec 7pm **Penitential Service** in church

PATHWAY - open next week – the last time before Christmas.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

A Future Full of Hope is the title of the Bishop's three year programme which begins by focussing on 'Mission'. This first year which runs from Advent 2017 to Advent 2018. See the poster and information by the library in the parish room.

SOAKING PRAYER

Our friends from St Peter and Paul church have organised a 'Day of Soaking Prayer for women' to take place in the Parish Room on Saturday December 9th, 10am till 3pm. Come aside from the busy-ness of life and spend time with God. Christian music will be playing and aids to prayer available, or you may just want to come and sit. Stay ten minutes or three hours – it's up to you – you will be made welcome. Simple refreshment will be available and there is no charge. All women are welcome.

FUNDRAISING IN 2018

Fundraising is an important part of parish life, not just financially, but socially too. In January (date to be agreed) we shall have a little get together to pool ideas for the coming year, so please think about what events you would like to see happen, and better still, what you might be able to help organise. *Jacky*

BICYCLE

Have you left a bicycle against the south side of the church? If it's not claimed it will be removed soon.

Bulletin News Please send any items for inclusion by the Thursday before publication to Jacky Tucker 01749 830695, email: jax.tucker@btinternet.com

Gift Aid it If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or understand it better, please contact Julia Yardley, Parish Treasurer, tel: 01749 831435