

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 31st December

**Churches Together Community Fun Day -
New Year's Eve 2.30pm to 4pm
And 4.30pm to 5.15pm**

This event will be held in the Market Square in Sleaford. There will be fun activities and will be followed by a short service in St Denys' Church. All are welcome. Activities include: - children's crafts, a prayer tent and tree, food, flower decorations, stone painting, face painting, bouncy castle, resuscitation training, Gideon bible event etc.

Wednesday 3rd January

10am Mid-week Communion
6pm Vestry Hour

Thursday 4th January

7pm Men's Group Meeting at The Horseshoes, Silk Willoughby.

Sunday 7th January

11am All Age Epiphany service and Baptism



Baptism Charities

Please could we have suggestions of Children's charities to which we can donate the Baptism Collections in the New Year. Please send any suggestions to Maria, as below thank you.

The Chronicle

Please note there will not be a Chronicle for January. If you have any articles or contributions for February/March, please could you send/give them to Carole (only up to Jan. 19th) or Maria ASAP

Please note that Rev Mark will be on leave from Boxing Day, returning to work on 2nd January. If you to the help of one of our clergy, please contact Rev Heather on 01529 488334

Notices for Pew sheets:

Please send any notices for the pew sheet to Maria by Wednesday. Maria's contact details are printed below.

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WELCOME TO CHURCH TODAY!

**We hope you will enjoy our worship this morning.
Everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee after this service.**

OUR SERVICES

Sunday 31st December 11.00am

Celtic Praise Service with Communion

Rev Heather Nesbitt will lead, preach and preside

Hymns

Love came down at Christmas
Infant holy infant lowly
See him lying
Unto us a boy is born
Who is he in yonder stall
O little one sweet, O little one mild
Go tell it on the mountain

Next Week's Services

11am All Age Epiphany Service with Baptism
The All Age Worship Team will lead the service

Next week's Gospel reading is Matthew 2. 1-12

**Sunday 31st December – First Sunday of
Christmas – Fifth Sunday Celtic
Communion**

Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Reading

Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.