



St Editha's Amington
following **Jesus** together



*Jesus said, 'Is it not written: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"?'
But you have made it a den of robbers.'
Mark 11.17 (NIV)*

Sunday 2 December 2018 (Advent 1)

Jesus is... the Zealot
Mark – Seeing Jesus

Did you know? Advent Sunday (today) is the beginning of the Church's year

08:45 Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16 & Mark 11.12-26
Leader & Preacher: Revd Ben Green

10:30 Morning Service

Reading: Mark 11.12-26
Leader & Preacher: Ray Skarratt

18:30 Memorial Service

Refreshments from 18:00
Leader: Ray Skarratt, Preacher: Sue Joyce



Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Noticeboard

Mandy's Mission Apprentice Update

The term began with a commissioning service led by Bishop Anne on 9 September – since then I have been getting to know the families who attend the Ark, prayer walking, doing pastoral visiting, and preparing to open a 'Place of Welcome' in 2019 (watch this space!).

I attend a learning programme in Birmingham with the other Mission Apprentices, which has been delivered by excellent speakers, including Fr Barrie Scott, who led an Anglo-Catholic worship session. We also had a residential weekend at Quinta Christian Conference Centre which challenged us to think about contemporary culture and evangelism, and helped us get to know each other better.

The programme encourages us to spend time writing a faith journal, studying the Bible (I've been reading through Isaiah, and Ben and I have been looking at passages in the Bible about the gospel) and practising reflective prayer. **Thank you for your prayers and support so far!**

Follow... Fish... Feed... Focus

Kitchenette Appeal

If you can donate towards the cost of installing some kitchen facilities at the back of church, please use the yellow envelopes and write 'kitchenette' across the top – and if you pay tax, please fill it in so we can claim an extra 25% on your gift.



2018 Christmas Cards **all hands on deck!**

If you can help deliver some cards round the parish, please choose some streets from the list at the back of church, and then take some cards to deliver – **before Sunday 9 December.**

If you sign up to deliver some cards and are unable to for any reason, *please let us know* so we can make sure every house receives a card.

Noticeboard

Charity Ballot

Each month we set aside 5% of our general income to give to others. When that fund reaches £1000 we vote to decide who to give that money to.

The results for October are...

£342.63 (86) Pathway Project

£334.66 (84) British Heart Foundation

£322.71 (81) The Starfish Project

... and each token was worth £3.98.

Thank you for voting!

Amington Band Christmas Concert

15/12/18 | 7pm | Big St Ed's
Tickets £6 (£5 concessions)

To buy tickets please call
Elaine Clay (07815 164777)
or email her at

info@amingtonband.co.uk.

Refreshments will be
available, as well as a
raffle.

Make Space for Prayer

Ask God to bless those who live in...

- Tilia Road, Trefoil, Old School House, Lytham and Hoylake.

Give thanks for...

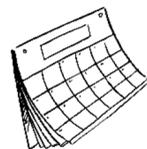
- The Alpha Day Away (yesterday).
- Mandy's work as Mission Apprentice this term.
- The grant of £300 we have received from the Borough Council to provide Christmas food parcels for some families in the parish.

Pray for...

- The Prime Minister and Parliament, for wise decisions concerning Brexit, and the ability to heal the divisions within the country.
- All who are unwell, especially: Janet Wyatt, Rita Harris, Pauline Woodward, Christine Gough, Don and Rosemary Baxter, Julia Pinner and all on the monthly prayer list.
- The Starfish / TCC Winter Night Shelter.
- The PCC, meeting on Wednesday evening (5 December).

This Week

- Mo 03/12 13:30 Home Group (109 Sheepcote Lane – 312215)
19:00 Alpha Course (57 Sharpe Street – 62573)
- Tu 04/12 19:30 Home Group (322 Tamworth Road – 310664)
Home Group (71 Ridgewood Rise – 704216)
19:45 Home Group (19 Fairview Close – 704344)
- We 05/12 11:30 Funeral of Tony Ruff (Church)
19:15 PCC (Church)
- Th 06/12 09:15 St Editha's Amington Ark (Church – 312215)
13:30 Two Rivers Christmas Service (Church)
19:00 Band Practice (Church)
- Fr 07/12 09:30 Friday Prayers (Church)
12:30 Knit & Natter Christmas Lunch (Appleby Inn)
19:30 StEdys (OSH)
- Sa 08/12 09:00 Saturday prayers (OSH)
10:00 Prayer Team Meeting (Church)
- Su 09/12 10:30 Holy Communion (Church)
18:30 Evening Service



Rotas

Cleaners (07/12): Joyce and Alan Page

Brasses (07/12): Janet Wilson

Flowers (09/12): Vacant

Sidespeople (09/12):

10:30 JoAnne Griffin & StEdys

18:30 Janet Hine



Coming Up

See the separate flyer for details of other Christmas services and events

We 12/12 18:00 Carol Singing (Pretty Pigs)

Sa 22/12 19:00 PCC Christmas Party (Vicarage)