



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



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9.6 (NIV)*

## Sunday 23 December 2018 (Advent 4)

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### **10:30 Morning Service**

Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

Leader & Preacher: Revd Ben Green

12:00 *Christingle-making party*

### **18:30 No Service**



## Sunday 30 December 2018 (Christmas 1)

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### **10:30 Morning Service**

Reading: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Leader & Preacher: Revd Ben Green

### **18:30 Holy Communion**

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 & Luke 2.41-end

Leader & Preacher: Revd Ben Green



What's the best Christmas present in the world?

**A broken drum... you just can't beat it!**

# Noticeboard

## January News - Ben & Jess in New Zealand

In January Ben & Jess will be travelling to New Zealand! Neither of us took a gap year, so we have been looking forward to this for ages. We leave on New Year's Day, and will be back on 30 January... though it may be a couple of days before we surface!

We have hired a campervan, and will travel round both islands for four weeks – taking in mountains, lakes, the coast, hot springs, an 'Alpine' mountain walk, various towns and cities, a tour of the wine-growing region, one of the movie sets from The Lord of the Rings, and more.

While we are away, services will be covered by Ray and Sue, with one or two others – including Revd David Silvester, Ben's training incumbent – helping out as well. Everything else will carry on as normal.

As church wardens, Geoff and Carol are in charge, and they know who to contact if a clergyperson is required.

We will be posting updates on a travel blog as we go, so if you want to see what we're doing you can check it out at <https://bcg.me.uk/nz>.

Do please pray for us as we travel: for safety, and that we would be able to make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

*Thank You!*

We raised over £300  
at the Xmas Party!

### Weekly Envelopes

The (purple) regular giving envelopes for 2019 are now available – if you want to know more please speak to Geoff and Jan.

### 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.

There are plans at the back of church, which have been approved by the PCC.



# Make Space for Prayer

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## **Ask God to bless those who live in...**

- Robinia, Madrona, Magnolia and Maple Rise.

## **Give thanks for...**

- The birth of our Lord and the opportunity for families and friends to celebrate together.
- The New Year, and all God will do in our lives during 2019.

## **Pray for...**

- The Prime Minister and Parliament, for wise decisions concerning Brexit and the ability to heal the divisions within the country.
- The lonely, the homeless and anyone who finds Christmas time difficult, particularly the recently bereaved.
- All who are unwell, especially: Janet Wyatt, Rita Harris, Pauline Woodward, Christine Gough, Don and Rosemary Baxter, Julia Pinner, Jean Austin and all on the monthly prayer list.

## Prayer of the Week (23 – 29 December)

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Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer of the Week (30 December – 5 January)

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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.

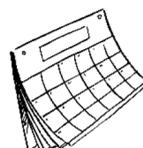
**The new church family prayer cards are available at the back of church.**

# This Week

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**All groups are starting again the week beginning 6 January –  
unless your group leader says otherwise!**

Mo 24/12	15:00 & 17:00	Rock that Manger! (Church)
	23:30	Midnight Communion (Church)
Tu 25/12	10:00	The Saviour is Born (Church)
Su 30/12	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
	18:30	Holy Communion (Church)
Fr 04/01	09:30	Friday Prayers (Church)
Su 06/01	08:45	Holy Communion by Extension (Church)
	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
	18:30	Evening Prayer (Church)



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## Rotas

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**Cleaners** 28/12 Carol & David Chadwick  
04/01 Mr & Mrs A Page

**Brasses** 04/01 David Chadwick

**Flowers** 30/12 Mr & Mrs A Page  
06/01 Mrs D Betts

### Sidespeople

24/12

15:00 & 17:00 Josh & Abbey Brown & Joanna Robins  
23:30 Warden

25/12

10:00 Warden

30/12

10:30 Steve & Daniel Robins  
18:30 Warden

06/01

08:45 Warden  
10:30 Jo Griffin & StEdys  
18:30 Janet Hine

**We desperately need more  
people to help – particularly on  
the cleaning rota.**

If you think you could help,  
please speak to Ben or Carol  
about what it involves. The more  
people on the rota, the less  
frequently everyone has to do it!