

BULLETIN

PARISH OF ST LUKE & ST TERESA, SOUTH STREET, WINCANTON, BA9 9DH
INCORPORATING OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9TH DECEMBER - YEAR C

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR THE LUKAN FUND

ADVENT HOUSE GROUPS

Starting on Monday 3rd December at 2.30 meetings are being held in Charlton Horethorne looking at the three canticles from the Christmas story of Luke's gospel – the Magnificat, the Benedictus and the Nunc Dimittis.

The first reflection is at Cleeve House, Level Lane Charlton Horethorne and will last about an hour followed by light refreshments.

All are welcome but for more details please contact Deacon Paul on 01963 220411.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year during Advent we will be collecting non perishable items to put into Christmas hampers for families in our community who are struggling financially.

The gift of both basic items, and Christmas treats, (no alcohol, please) will enable these families to enjoy the Christmas festivities far more than they might otherwise have done. Please bring items to Mass and place in the box in the narthex. Parishioners at Mere and Bruton can hand their gifts to Father Louis. We have four weeks to show we care. Thank you for your generosity.

Ann White

MASS TIMES

Sunday	10.30am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
	6.30pm	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Monday	9.00am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Tuesday	9.00am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Thursday	9.45am	St Mary's, Bruton
Friday	11.30am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Saturday	10.00am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton Mass followed by Confession & Exposition
	5.30pm	St Mary's, Mere

MILBORNE PORT

PARISH SUNDAY BUS
SERVICE TO
WINCANTON

Commencing Sunday 2nd December, the South Somerset Community Transport Bus will leave the Tippling Philosopher Pub at 9.45am sharp destined for St Luke's, Wincanton via Charlton Horethorne in time for the 10.30am Mass.

The return journey will depart Wincanton at 11.45am and return to the Tippling Philosopher in time for lunch! If you need to the bus to stop in Charlton Horethorne (King's Arms), please let the parish office know.

CHRISTMAS CAKE AND PRODUCE SALE

Starting Sunday 2nd December for a few weeks. Please. If you can help contribute Christmas produce - cakes, puddings, preserves, crafts etc for our Lukan Fund Advent fund raising.

The Pilgrim Singers REJOICE at CHRISTMAS

On Saturday 15th December 2018 at Wincanton Methodist Church at 7pm.

In aid of WINCANTON LIVE AT HOME.

Tickets £12 (under 16 free) from Divine Wines. Seasonal refreshments included

Contact Jane 01963
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THE 2019 NATIONAL RURAL CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLICS

To be held at Sarum College, Salisbury from 25 - 27 February 2019. It is aimed at people involved in parishes with a large rural hinterland and who want to know what goes on out there. For programme and booking form please email Fr Robert Miller rwhm274@btinternet.com (01747 870 228).

BRUTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Are celebrating 25 years of live choral singing in Bruton and have a Christmas concert at 7.30pm on Monday 17th December at St Mary's, Bruton. Mince pies and wine will be served.

Tickets are available at Bruton Pharmacy, Church Bridge Stores, or by phoning 01749 813161 or online at brutonchoralsociety.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CINEMA CLUB

Are showing Paddington 2 - a bit of light hearted fun before Christmas - on Friday 14th December for a 1.15 pm start. No lunch today, but a lap tray of nibbles from the buffet!

The Year of Prayer 2018-2019

The Year of Prayer, which we now begin, is not intended to turn us away from mission but to deepen our understanding that it is prayer which gives life and strength to our mission, it is prayer which is the source of our mission.

In the year of mission we were reminded that the source of mission is a renewed personal encounter with Christ. Pope Francis wrote: 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'

To encounter Christ is to be caught up in a relation-



A YEAR OF PRAYER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gospel begins: 'Tiberius was Emperor, Pontius Pilate was Governor, Caiaphas was High Priest.'

God did not speak to any of these important people. The word of God came to John in the wilderness. God spoke to someone on the edge, in the desert.

God wants to speak his word to every person but if we are to hear the word of God we need to clear a way so that we can hear.

John the Baptist proclaims: 'Prepare a way for the Lord – make his paths straight.' Most of us are not called to go into the wilderness but each of us can make time for silence to listen to God's word.

Advent is a time to realise that God is constantly speaking his word to us. We are called to make the time to listen.



ship of prayer. We don't encounter Christ and then later pray – the encounter with Christ is prayer, it is the beginning of our relationship with Christ, which is the essence of prayer.

The Year of Prayer is intended to call us to a 'renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.'

Pope Benedict wrote:

'Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.'

There are countless ways in which we can encounter Jesus Christ but in this resource we will focus on encountering Christ in personal prayer and in the Liturgy.



Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday in Advent

Response to Psalm; **What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Gospel Acclamation; **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon; **Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

SICK & HOUSEBOUND VISITS

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS SICK, DEBILITATED OR HOUSEBOUND AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, PLEASE CONTACT FR LOUIS OR THE PARISH OFFICE ON 01963 34408

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

11 th	School Carol Service	6.00 pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
15 th	Pilgrim Singers	7.00 pm	W'ton Methodist Church
17 th	School Christmas Mass	2.00 pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
	Penitential Service	7.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
	Bruton Choral Society Christmas Concert	7.30pm	St Mary's, Bruton

Christmas Services 2018

24 th	Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
24 th	Mass During the Night; preceded by carols@8.30pm	8.30 pm	St Mary's, Mere
24 th	Mass at Midnight; preceded by carols @ 11.30pm	11.30 pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
25 th	Solemnity of the Nativity	10.30 am	St Luke's, Wincanton
26 th	Feast of St Stephen	9.00 am	St Luke's, Wincanton

MONEY BOX

The collection last week raised £1002.27 of which £183.83 was raised for the Lukan Fund.

Thank you all.