



## Morning Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 10.30am

Organist: Sheila Giles

Welcome

Hymn: STF 165 'Prophet voices loudly crying,' (*verse 2 seated*)

North, South, East and West

Hymn: STF 165 'John the Baptist, by his preaching' (*verse 3*)

Advent Candle - Candle of Peace

Hymn: STF 172 'Hills of the north, rejoice,' (verses 1 and 2)

Thunder in the desert

He is coming

Prayer and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: STF 182 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry'

Readings: Mark 1, v 1-8  
Two very different men

Hymn: STF 189 'Wild and lone the prophet's voice'

John's challenges

Prophetic words

Hymn: 'The journey of life'

Offertory

Prayers of intercession

Hymn: STF 183 'Praise to the God who clears the way'

Irish Blessing and share the grace

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## **CHURCH NOTICES**

'Our vision is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us and provide a place of witness for all people.'

### **WELCOME TO ALL**



**Please join us for refreshments after the service.**

### **Dates for the coming week.**

**Today** 3-5pm Youphonix will meet.

**Monday** 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

2.30pm Bible study.

7.30pm Evening Bible study.

**Tuesday** 10am - 12 noon Knit, Stitch and Natter.

10am Prayer group.

**Wednesday** 9.30am -11.30am Wesley's Baby and Toddler Group.

**Friday** 9.30am -11.30am Wesley's Baby and Toddler Group.

2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

## **FURTHER NOTICES**

### **Action for Children**

Sheila Giles has very kindly agreed to lead us in singing carols outside the RST on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** to raise money for this charity which as a church we support. We start at 6.30pm and sing for three quarters of an hour and then return to the church for hot drinks and mince pies.

Please come and join us to make as big an impact as possible.

If you or your friends would like to come to a traditional **Christmas Dinner on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** please sign the list in the Wesley Hall. (Please indicate any dietary requirements) - the meal will be served after the church service at approximately 12.30pm.

### **NARNIA CREW**

Way back earlier in the year the seed of an idea was planted. Months later after many hours of planning, designing, building, begging and borrowing and sheer hard team work, Narnia was created. Translating a story into reality with limited resources was a challenge, made all worthwhile to see the look on children's faces when they went through the wardrobe and broke out into the wintry world. Awesome work all the Narnia Crew!

### **Bazaar Refreshments**

I would like to thank everyone that made cakes for the Bazaar Refreshments you are all fantastic!  
We were really busy all day and took a considerable amount of money.  
Penny Brain

## **Circuit prayer from Stratford**

"Come, thou long expected Jesus..."

Dear God, we feel lost at times in a world of injustice, violence and suffering. We are surrounded by uncertainties and confusion. But what heartfelt thanks we give that you are with us, you have come to us. We light that candle that celebrates love stronger than death.

May we spread that comfort and love with those around us. We make these prayers in the name of our Saviour, our Emmanuel, Amen.

We remember at this time those who are persecuted for their faith.

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am*

*Service will be led by Revd. Audrey Simpson*

**NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES:** to Gillian Bowers. email:-  
[gillianbathome@hotmail.com](mailto:gillianbathome@hotmail.com) no later than WEDNESDAY please

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