

GREENERY WANTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP - next Saturday, 3 - 6 pm in the Hall. Thirty people have signed up so we will need a lot of greenery! If you have holly sprigs, spruce fir, holly or other decorative bushes in your garden and can help, please drop them off to the Vicarage on Friday or to the Hall between 2 and 3 pm on Saturday afternoon. All donations much appreciated!

“CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!” - with the Cringleford Singers’ concert on Thursday 19th December, 7.30 pm in church. This will be the last concert for the choir which will be closing at the end of December after 52 years! Tickets £12 (including a Christmas gift to take home!) from Audrey W/ or Margaret Smith.

ST ANDREW’S CHRISTMAS CARD - very many thanks to everyone who has helped to deliver to homes in the parish. If you haven’t received one, or live outside the area, please take one from the pile at the back of church - and take more if you can invite friends and neighbours to join us this Christmas.

DOES ANYONE NEED A CHRISTMAS TREE STAND? - because there’s a sturdy one going free! Contact Chris Smith (details below)

GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES - are needed today! Please make sure they are unwrapped. For the whole list of suggestions for gifts see last week’s flyer (spare copies at the back of church). Please put them in the boxes provided in the Old Church. Many thanks for your help.

321 COURSE - inviting you to see life the way Jesus does. Just 4 sessions considering God’s Three-ness, the world’s two-ness and your one-ness. Stories, commentary and conversations in a friendly environment. Wednesday evenings, starting 8th January at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage, 28 Bluebell Road. Interested? Contact James (james@standrewseaton.org.uk).

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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News Sheet for 8th December 2024

2nd Sunday in Advent



‘a church for all - a place for you’

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today. During this season of Advent, may we know God’s presence with us as we prepare for the Christmas season, and as we worship in church or via the live-stream in our homes this morning.



10.00am Holy Communion led by James, who is also preaching.
Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 (church Bibles, p.904 OT)
Luke 3:1-6 (church Bibles p.57 NT)

After the service refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other church members and meet new friends!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH --NORWICH YOUTH FOR CHRIST- is all about seeing young people’s lives in Norwich and the surrounding areas, changed by Jesus, by showing and speaking about him in a way which is relevant. To this end, there is a team of youth workers who serve young people in schools, youth clubs, events (Encounter is held twice a term on a Friday evening), camps and through one-to-one contacts. We also run Boost, an alternative curriculum scheme whereby schools send us pupils who find mainstream education difficult and are liable to drop out of school.

We have had to revise our budget figures for 2025 as the Government has increased the National Living Wage scales, and also as cuts in the education budgets in schools mean we will have to fund more of our projects in schools ourselves. Please see the display in church and put your donations in the blue envelopes and post in the wall safe or put in the collection bowl. Thank you.

Margaret Smith

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness”. (Exodus 34:6)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God’s healing, especially for J G (now at home), J W (recovering from surgery), R (at home), and also N R and K M. Pray for the bereaved including the family and friends of B T, M W, and D B (funeral tomorrow).

MONDAY Pray that the fragile ceasefire arranged between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon will hold so that people can return to their homes in safety and the rebuilding of the area started. Pray for a similar breakthrough in the situation in Gaza, and for negotiators to persevere despite setbacks, and for the unfolding crisis in Syria meaning many fleeing from their homes as rebel fighters advance.

TUESDAY Pray for the children from Eaton Primary School who will be in church this morning for craft activities and to hear, and take part in, the Christmas story, and for James and Margaret as they speak and lead the music, and for conversations with the staff so that there will be closer ties with the school in 2025.

WEDNESDAY Give thanks for all the gifts given by our two congregations for the four local charities seeking to support the homeless and abused. Pray for those sorting and distributing the gifts, for the recipients and for the work of Leeway, YMC My Place, St Martin’s Housing Trust and Archway in their continuing support of vulnerable folk in our city.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Amderley Drive, Atmere Close and Bek Close, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.

Pray for local businesses in Eaton facing an uncertain future with the prospect of extra taxes and expenses during the winter months.

FRIDAY Many people will find this Christmas difficult as prices have risen and so have the unemployment statistics. Pray for the car workers in Luton, the steel workers in Sheffield - and you may know of someone personally - who have received redundancy notices, and for the Government, Job Centre staff, employers and trades unions to work together to find workable solutions to the crisis.

SATURDAY Give thanks for the response to the Christmas Wreath-making Workshop this afternoon and pray for Stephanie and her team as they welcome those taking part. Pray for the practicalities of sufficient greenery and decorations, the refreshments, and for the love of Christ to be shown in this practical way.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Those coping with long-term health problems, and those who care for them

WHAT’S ON this week and NOTICES

Mon. 9th

12.30 pm Funeral of D B, New Church - all friends welcome

Tues. 10th

9.30 am Eaton Primary School Reception Class in church

10.00 am Toddlers meet in the hall

10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets for an Advent Service with festive nibbles!

3.00 pm Daisy Hill Carol Service led by Sheila Nunney

4.30 pm Coralie Court Carol Service led by Sheila Nunney

Wed. 11th

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

7.30 pm Wednesday Evening Connect Group meets

Thurs. 12th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.30 am Community Café in the Hall - everyone warmly invited!

7.30 pm Julian Group meets for contemplative prayer

Fri. 13th

7.00 pm St Andrew’s Singers rehearse

Sat. 14th

3 - 6 pm Christmas Wreath-making Workshop, Hall

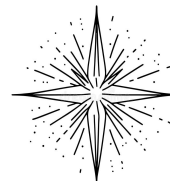
Sun. 15th

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; Diana Timms is our preacher

6.30 pm “Silent Night” Carol Service led by James (see note)

“**ETERNITY IN OUR HEARTS**” - is a one-day conference for women organised by the Norfolk Gospel Partnership, based around the book of Ecclesiastes. To be held at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 25th January 2025. For more details go to the website: www.norfolk.org.uk/eternity.

CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP - for children aged 5-11, on Saturday 21 December, 1.45 - 4 pm in the Hall. A free event with games, crafts, Bible drama, refreshments and fun!! To book a place email: eatonchildren@gmail.com.



“**SILENT NIGHT**” - a reflective carol service with a special act of remembrance, next Sunday 17 December at 6.30 pm. Refreshments afterwards. Invitation cards are on the bookstand as you leave church - please take one and invite others to come.