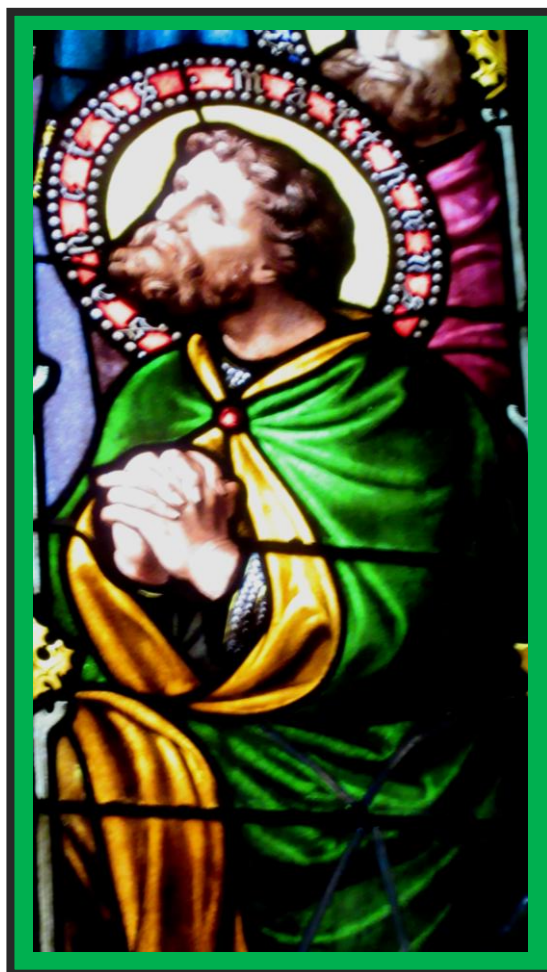


# Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

## St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



## St. Leonard's

Warmingham

Merry Christmas to you and God bless  
you and your family with peace and  
joy for the year to come



**December 2023**

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### Parish Safeguarding Officer: Vacancy at St Leonard's

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the diocese and the parish, concerning safeguarding matters. It is a positive leadership role supporting and providing direction to the parish in good safeguarding practice.

They will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy and practice.

**The role can be taken by one person, or the role shared.** Support is provided by the diocese.

Whilst there is a vacancy in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, please contact the Churchwardens regarding any safeguarding issues. See above for contact details.

## Why am I running around so much?

Have you every stopped to ask yourself, “Why am I running around so much?” A brief glance at the diary will tell you that December is flat out. In fact, it seems that the run for the line at Christmas starts way back in November. And what a race it is! You certainly need some endurance to get through all the shopping, the Christmas card writing, the parties, school events, mince pies - both baking and eating, never mind effort you need to do your job as well.



And then there is putting up the decorations, they make the steeple chase barriers look like toy hurdles.

Somehow, rather than a time of preparation to remember the birth of the Prince of Peace, December has become a marathon run at a sprint pace. It is no wonder so many people are utterly exhausted when Christmas comes around. They just don't want to run anymore.

And yet Jesus, whose birth we remember, is one that we certainly want to run towards.

The shepherds are a great example to us of importance of the birth of Jesus. The message translation records what happened to the shepherds after the angels left them,

*The shepherds talked it over. “Let’s get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us.” They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. Luke 2:15-17 MSG*

You have got to love the shepherds. They hear about the good news of Jesus and at once drop everything and race to find him. They left running. In doing so they got to look into the eyes of the Son of God lying in the manger. They ran to the saviour of the world; they ran to meet ‘Immanuel - ‘God with us’. In all our running about in various directions this Christmas, let us make time to run towards Jesus, whether that is in a service, in prayer or in a moment of reflection. Let us run towards the manger and as the shepherds did, let us also stop, pause for breath, and gaze in wonder at ‘God with us’ - even us! Perhaps then, focussed on Jesus, we might ask ourselves, “Why am I running around so much?”

## From our October Registers



**Baptisms** *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

### **St Peter's**

22nd Lily Dorothy Thurlow

### **St Leonard's**

15th Alayah Isabelle Margaret Cornes

15th Summer Rae Carver



**Weddings** *Bless these thy servants*



**Funerals** *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

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## Christmas Prayer 2023

Almighty Father,

Thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus – the Light of the world.

Thank you that He brought light and life to all who received Him during His life on earth and that He still brings light and life to all who receive Him.

Lord, how this broken world needs your light today. As we rejoice and give thanks for Christmas, we pray that the light of Jesus will pierce the darkness of self-interest and hatred – and change the hearts of those who do not love you or their neighbours.

We pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit you will deliver your people from evil, and that Your kingdom will come on earth as in heaven. Thank you, Father, that because of Jesus, light will *a/ways* shine in the darkness and the darkness will *never* be able to extinguish it.

Glory and thanks and praise to You Father God, this Christmas and always. In Jesus' saving and powerful name. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*





## St Leonard's December diary dates

- Friday 1st**                      **School Christingle Service**, 10am in Church to which everyone is welcome.
- Sunday 10th**                    **Church Christmas Lunch** in the Village Hall after the Morning Service.
- Friday 15th**                    **Nine Lessons and Carols**, 7pm  
Come early for a glass of mulled wine before the service.  
The Christmas Raffle will be drawn after the service.
- Sunday 17th**                    **Family Nativity**, 11.30am in Church.  
Please come along dressed to take part:  
Children - dress as Shepherd, Angel, Sheep, Wise Man or even a Star.  
Adults - come dressed to take part in the Christmas Story too.
- Tuesday 19th**                   **School KS1 Nativity**, 2pm in Church.
- Wednesday 20th**              **School KS2 Carol Service**, 6pm in Church, followed by refreshments.



## St Leonard's Christmas Lunch



**Sunday 10th December** in Warmingham Village Hall after the Morning Service (12.45 for 1pm) £25.00 per head for a three-course lunch including glass of wine or soft drink.  
Book your place by signing the list in church or by contacting Janet Furber on 01270 526393

### Plough Service

**Sunday 14th January** in St Leonard's Church at 11.30am



**Monday 15th January** in St Leonard's Church at 7.30pm.

The **Flower Arranging Workshop** held on 15th November was a successful and very enjoyable evening which raised £520 for Warmingham Church Tower Fund.



## **Warmingham Home Group**

There is no meeting in December.

The next meeting is on **Monday 29th January 2024** at 2pm at the home of Frances Noden.

Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.



The **All Souls** service at St Peter's was well attended. The choir sang an anthem whilst the congregation lit candles to remember their lost loved ones. Names of the departed were read out during the service.

The congregation were then asked to join one another for refreshments and a chat. Thank you to everyone who provided all the lovely cakes.



## **Remembrance Concert**

On Wednesday 8th November the South Cheshire Concert Band gave a Remembrance Concert at St Peter's Hall.

The first half of the concert was made up of a selection of light classical and popular pieces featuring the various sections of the Band.

In the second half, the programme moved on to the more traditional pieces which are associated with Remembrance.

The Band played pieces from each of the four countries of the United Kingdom. The pieces representing Wales were Myfanwy and Calon Lan and the Band was joined by members of the Church Choir who gave a beautiful rendition of each song.

The concert ended with Nimrod, after which Rev. Paul read the Exhortation. This was followed by the audience joining the Band to sing a version of Dear Lord and Father of Mankind which led into the Last Post and the two minutes silence.

The concert finished with the audience singing two verses of God Save the King.

On Remembrance Sunday, Rob Fitzsimons, one of the trumpeters from the Band played the Last Post and Reveille at the service at the War Memorial in the village.



We raised £197, which has been split equally between the Band and the Red Cross (to help them send aid to Palestine and Israel wherever it is needed).

**Thank you** to the Band and also all the helpers, providing refreshments, selling draw tickets and preparing/tidying the hall.

# Christmas Fair

St Peter's Community Hall  
Middlewich Road, CW1 4RD

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
11:30am

Name the Elf  
Raffle  
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Do join us for any or all of them



## Christmas Services at St Peter's

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 10.45am

Service with School Choir  
followed by St Nicholas in the hall

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10:45am

Nativity Service

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - 7pm

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve - 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - 3pm & 4.30pm

Christingle Services

Christmas Eve - 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - 11.30pm

Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day - 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10.45am

Family Communion



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St Peter's, Middlewich Road, CW1 4RD

## St Leonard's December Calendar of Services / Rotas

| Date  | Times and services   | Sides-<br>persons | Altar<br>Flowers &<br>Brasses | Cleaning                     |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Friday 1st<br>December                        | 10.00am<br>School Christingle<br>Service in Church                       |                   |                               | Janet F,<br>Janet N,<br>Anne |
| Sunday 3rd<br>The 1st Sunday<br>of Advent     | 11.30am<br>Morning Prayer  | Mrs L<br>Case     | Helen<br>Walker               |                              |
| Sunday 10th<br>The 2nd<br>Sunday<br>of Advent | 11.30am<br>Morning Service<br>followed by Christmas<br>Lunch in the Hall | Mr A<br>Crank     | Helen<br>Walker               |                              |
| Friday 15th<br>December                       | 7.00pm<br>Nine Lessons and<br>Carols                                     |                   |                               |                              |
| Sunday 17th<br>The 3rd Sunday<br>of Advent    | 11.30am<br>Nativity Service  | Mrs J<br>Newton   | Christmas<br>Flowers          |                              |
| Tuesday 19th<br>December                      | 2.00pm<br>School KS1 Nativity<br>in Church                               |                   |                               |                              |
| Wednesday<br>20th December                    | 6.00pm<br>School KS2 Carol<br>Service in Church                          |                   |                               |                              |
| Sunday 24th<br>Christmas Eve                  | 11.30am<br>Family Communion  | Mr K<br>Newton    | Christmas<br>Flowers          |                              |
| Monday 25th<br>Christmas Day                  | 9.00am<br>Holy Communion<br>with Carols                                  |                   |                               |                              |
| Sunday 31st<br>The 1st Sunday<br>of Christmas | 11.30am<br>Joint Service at<br>St Leonard's                              |                   |                               |                              |
| Sunday 7th<br>January<br>The Epiphany         | 11.30am<br>Morning Service   | Ms N<br>Archer    |                               |                              |

## St Peter's December Calendar of Services

| Date  | Times and Services   | Readings and Readers<br>10.45am  | Readings and Readers<br>7pm  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Sunday 3rd December<br>The 1st Sunday of Advent     | 9am HC<br>10.45am Service with School Choir followed by St Nicholas in the Hall<br>No 7pm Evensong | 1 Corinthians 1.3-9<br><i>Jane Dunseath</i><br><br>Mark 13.24-end      | No Evensong  |
| Sunday 10th December<br>The 2nd Sunday of Advent    | 9.00am HC<br>10.45am Nativity Service<br>7pm Evensong  |  | 1 Kings 22.1-28<br><i>Andrew Hollinshead</i><br><br>Romans 15.4-13<br><i>Alison Bate</i> |
| Sunday 17th December<br>The 3rd Sunday of Advent    | 9.00am HC<br>10.45am HC<br>7pm Nine Lessons and Carols   | 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24<br><i>Alan Culshaw</i><br><br>John 1.6-8,19-28 | Nine Lessons and Carols  |
| Sunday 24th December<br>Christmas Eve               | 9.00am HC<br>10.45am HC<br>3pm & 4.30pm Christingle Services<br>11.30pm Midnight Eucharist         | Romans 16.25-27<br><i>Ruth Edge</i><br><br>Luke 1.26-38                | <b>11.30pm</b><br>Hebrews 1:1-4<br><br>John 1:1-14                                       |
| Monday 25th December<br>Christmas Day               | 10.45am Family Communion   | Isaiah 9.2-7<br><br>Luke 2.1-20  |  |
| Sunday 31st December<br>The 1st Sunday of Christmas | No 9am HC<br>11.30am Joint Service at St Leonard's<br>No 7pm Evensong                              |  | No Evensong  |
| Sunday 7th January<br>The Epiphany                  | 9am HC<br>10.45am HC<br>No 7pm Evensong  | Ephesians 3.1-12<br><i>Chris Ward</i><br><br>Matthew 2.1-12            | No Evensong  |

## St Peter's December Rotas

| Date   | Sidespersons                                   | Offertory                             | Cleaning                                      | Altar Flowers           |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd<br>December<br>The 1st<br>Sunday<br>of Advent     | Robert Hodson                                  | Philippa<br>Goyer and<br>Ann DeRuiter | John and<br>Ruth Edge                         | No flowers<br>in Advent |
| Sunday 10th<br>December<br>The 2nd<br>Sunday<br>of Advent    | Ben Entwistle<br><br>Sandra Parkes             | Alan and<br>Margaret<br>Culshaw       | Phyllis<br>Darlington<br>and Dorothy<br>Riley | No flowers<br>in Advent |
| Sunday 17th<br>December<br>The 3rd<br>Sunday<br>of Advent    | Philip and Gail<br>Barnes<br><br>Sandra Parkes | John Edge<br>and Ann<br>Hughes        | Audrey<br>Bergin                              | No flowers<br>in Advent |
| Sunday 24th<br>December<br>Christmas Eve                     | Patrick Smith                                  | Paul and<br>Margaret<br>Harvey        | Margaret<br>Harvey and<br>Valerie<br>Simcock  | Christmas<br>Flowers    |
| Monday 25th<br>December<br>Christmas Day                     |  |                                       |   |                         |
| Sunday 31st<br>December<br>The 1st<br>Sunday of<br>Christmas |  |                                       | John and<br>Ruth Edge                         | Christmas<br>Flowers    |
| Sunday 7th<br>January<br>The Epiphany                        | Robert Hodson                                  | Alan and<br>Margaret<br>Culshaw       | Phyllis<br>Darlington<br>and Dorothy<br>Riley | Nicola<br>Darlington    |

## Treasurer for St Peter's

After many years of tremendous hard work, and lots of reflecting, John Edge has decided that the time has come for him to retire from the role of Treasurer at St Peter's. He will be completing this year's figures, an act we are grateful for, before standing down in January.

Our deep gratitude goes to John for all his hard work over many years keeping the accounts up to date and in order. John - Thank you.

If you would be interested in taking on the role of treasurer, please do talk with our Vicar Rev Paul. [revpaulnorth@outlook.com](mailto:revpaulnorth@outlook.com)

Starting 21st January 2024 a new service with stories, children's activities and refreshments. Every 3rd Sunday at 4pm

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**Remembrance Sunday  
at St Peter's**





## St Peter's December Book of Remembrance

- 1st Lily Edge (1992), Winifred Mary Hollinshead (1992),  
Jonathan Lee Horn (2011)
- 2nd Peter Williams (2016)
- 3rd Darren Geoffrey Patrick (1994)
- 4th John Stewart Thorpe (2008)
- 5th William John Mackle (1988)
- 6th Julie Susan Wakefield (2021)
- 7th Esther Foster (1913), Edna Craven (1994), Sheila Foster (2022)
- 8th Jacqueline Barnes (1995), Peggy Joan Winzer (1996),  
David Morris (2018), Rodney Cash (2021)
- 9th Douglas Tye Spencer (2015)
- 10th Herbert Adolf Karl Winzer (2006)
- 11th Frank Ollerhead (1989), Louisa Ethel Bolderson (1990),  
Elsie Barrett (1997), Vera Joan Earrey (2013)
- 12th Archibald Leslie Goldie (1989), Denise Bramall (2021)
- 13th Tom Darlington (1993), Nancy Cooper (2021)
- 14th Shirley Moss (2005)
- 15th George Cecil Jinks (1992), Cecil Herbert Knapper (1996),  
Percy Edge (1999), Freda Nisbett (2006)
- 17th David Graham Booth (2011)
- 18th Arthur William Cooke (1983), Ellen Davenport (1998)
- 19th Ivy May Knapper (1988), Diane Marie Manley (2019)
- 21st Betty Foxley (2015)
- 22nd Frederick Austin Cooper (2009)
- 23rd Emily Hilda Jinks (1973), Robert Hazeldine (2008),  
Audrey Callwood (2019)
- 24th Thelma Marie Epps (2012), Pamela Ivy Ward (2015),  
Harold Bolderson (2017)
- 26th Rosina Hopley (2010)
- 27th Winifred Maxwell (1992), Barbara Howarth (2017)
- 28th George Henry Wilde (1961), Edward Haughton (1996)
- 29th William George Young (1995)
- 30th Reginald Arthur Gough (2008), Stephen John Foxley (2011),  
Mary Cecilia Mackle (2018)
- 31st John Heming (2004)

*Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# News from Warmingham CE Primary School

Time seems to be whizzing past again – it won't be long until the Christmas spirit takes over school. It's always such a special time of year which the children adore.

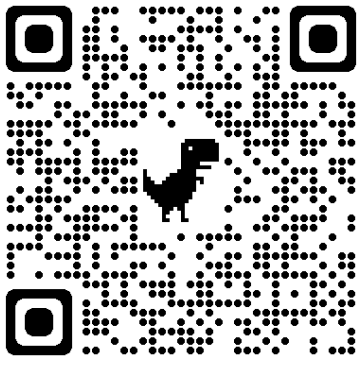
Earlier this month, the whole school took in the CNN Call to Earth Day. Our pledge was to raise awareness and increase the biodiversity of our environment. We planted bulbs and as a result of this will provide spring-flowering plants. These will provide vital pollen and nectar to ensure early pollinators can carry on playing their vital role in the ecosystem.



On Friday 10th November, we walked down to St Leonard's Church to honour those who served in the armed services and thank them for the sacrifices they made for us. Badgers' Class led the service, whilst the rest of the school joined in with the songs. Thank you to those of you how were able to join us. It always makes the service more special when you join us.

The children have been busy creating their poppies.





Mr Price (and Reverend Paul) have been helping Miss Turrell train our hockey team. Some of Squirrels' Class took part in a hockey tournament at Deeside Ramblers, Tiverton. They played incredibly well, winning two games, drawing one and losing another. Overall, they came joint runners up. Well done to everyone who took part.

Badgers' Class then took part in a hockey tournament at Deeside Ramblers the week after. Like Squirrels, they did incredibly well. There were ten other schools taking part, and we came fourth overall above some of our rivals! We wouldn't have been able to achieve this without the support of Mr Price and Reverend Paul – thank you.



Well done Alfie, Oliver S, Amelia, Eliza, Simon, Morrison, Oliver P, Lydia, Emily, Seb, Noah, Niamh, Ethan, Edward and Ellie.

You might have seen on our Facebook page that we have made the local press following the publication of our recent OFSTED report. If you would like to read the report please follow the link - [Warmingham Primary School Celebrating Good OFSTED Rating.](#)

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**Tuesday 19th  
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**Wednesday 20th  
December**

**School KS2 Carol Service**, 6pm in Church, followed by refreshments.

# Warmingham Village News

## December Diary Dates

|                |  |              |         |
|----------------|--|--------------|---------|
| Wednesday 6th  | W.I. Meeting                                   | Village Hall | 7.30pm  |
| Wednesday 13th | Christmas Fair                                 | School       | 3.15pm  |
| Friday 15th    | Carol Service                                  | Church       | 7.00pm  |
| Sunday 17th    | Family Nativity Service                        | Church       | 11.30am |
| Every Thursday | Bellringing at the Church from 7.30pm - 9.00pm |              |         |

## Warmingham & District W.I

The meeting on Wednesday 1st November was the AGM at which the Committee for the next twelve months was elected. Caroline Dawson was confirmed as President for a further twelve months with Sue Hill as Secretary and Sue Brook as Treasurer. Thanks were given to Cynthia Beedon, the retiring Secretary.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6th December at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm when we will be entertained with some "Optical Illusions" presented by Ray Hill. The competition is a Decorative Dish.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Monday 18th December at the Legs of Man.



The **Craft Group** meet once a month on a Friday afternoon in Sandbach.

Last month they made a variety of bead crocodiles.

The **Book Group** will next meet on 8th January 2024.

The **Darts Team** meet at the Market Tavern on Monday lunchtimes.

The W.I. meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Caroline on 01270 526022.

## Walk 'n Talk

In November as the paths along the canal were very muddy, the walk took place along the Salt Line from Ettiley Heath. Afterwards lunch was enjoyed at The White Lion at Coppenhall.

There is no walk in December.

The next walk is planned for **Tuesday 9th January**. Details to follow. For information ring Caroline on 01270 526022.

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# Christmas Services

## St Leonard's, Warmingham, CW11 3NH

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 10:00am School Christingle

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm - Nine Lessons & Carols

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 11:30am - Family Nativity  
(Come dressed as a shepherd, angel or wise man)

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2:00pm - School Nativity

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm - School Carol Service

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:00am - Communion Service

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:00am - Christmas Communion

You are very welcome to join us

# St Leonards Church, Warmingham.

## CAN YOU HELP?



We are looking for a

**Treasurer** and a **Safeguarding Officer**

If you feel you have a couple of hours each week to spare we would love to hear from you.

The **Church Tower** is to undergo a major restoration project within the next 2 years and we have to raise a lot of money through donations and grants. Are you able to help with this massive project?

Please contact Rev. Paul North, [revpaulnorth@outlook.com](mailto:revpaulnorth@outlook.com) or, one of the Churchwardens, Mike Sant or Janet Furber.

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