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The magazine for the parishes of

St Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon









St Leonard's Warmingham

Wishing you joy as we remember the miracle of Christ's birth this season.

December 2024

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I wonder if you will be making a journey this Christmas, or if people will be making a journey to see you. The first Christmas was packed full of journeys. The Angel Gabriel made his way to Mary with the most incredible news.

Mary and Joseph, like everyone else at the time, made their way to Joseph's home town. The shepherd's, on hearing the good news of the birth of Jesus, made their way at great haste to see the new born baby. Some point later the wise men journeyed with the significant gifts.



Against the backdrop of our incredibly packed diaries and almost oppressive commercialism, Advent gives us the time and space to make our own journey to meet Jesus.

Advent, and the four weeks leading up to Christmas, help us to stop, to reflect, to think about what it is we are celebrating and why. It helps us to pay attention to what should be at the middle of all our celebrating. Advent is a time for self-reflection, to look at some of the darkness in our lives and to focus on Jesus, the light of the world.

It is this journey towards the light of Jesus that gives us hope, both for now and for the future. The Gospel writer Mark starts his gospel with this focus

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"— "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." Mark 1:1-3

Let us use this Advent for more than the Christmas practicalities. Let us journey towards Christmas preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

From our October Registers



Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

St Leonard's

20th Rupert Timothy Smith

20th Monty Glyn Steven Smith

20th Lucy Olive Smith



Weddings

Bless these thy servants

St Peter's

26th Stephen Laurie Boulton &

Leah Alice Wilson



Funerals

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

Winter prayer

Heavenly Father, this winter as the days get darker quicker and the weather gets colder, let us remember that you are our rock and comforter. We can always call on you for the warmth of your love and embrace. We thank you that you protect us and keep us in the winter months, and that you are faithful. We ask that your Holy Spirit would lead us in your light during this season because no matter how dark things get in the world, the light of Christ overcomes it all. **Amen.**

Christmas prayer for peace

Lord, we pray for peace this Christmas. As we think of Jesus, we remember that he is the prince of peace despite what is happening around us. During this busy season, guide us to take moments to be still and know that you will work all things together and that if we abide in you, we will also have an inner peace and confidence that you are in control of all our plans. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Events at St Leonard's

Our Treasurer at St Leonard's is stepping down to work and family commitments. We are looking for a volunteer to join the PCC and take this on valuable role. Do you think you have the interest and skills to take on this important iob? Please contact Churchwardens to find out more.



St Leonard's Church Warmingham

are holding a

Grand Christmas Raffle

with super prizes

to be drawn on **Friday 20th December** in church after the Carol Service. Tickets available from church members.

Contact Janet Furber for further information.

Warmingham Home Group

The Home Group is not meeting in December.

The next meeting is on **Monday 27th January** at 2pm at the home of Helan Isherwood. Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.



Plough Service Sunday 12th January, 11.30am in Church



Monday 13th January, 7.30pm in Church



Sunday 15th December in Warmingham Village Hall after the Morning Service (12.45 for 1pm) £27.00 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



St Leonard's Church Warmingham Donations to St Paul's Centre – not just food but Toys

Please continue to donate food items, particularly as we approach Christmas, and place in the box at church.

St Paul's also collect good quality second hand toys.

If you are having a sort out before Christmas please donate any toys that you have spare either directly to St

Paul's Centre in Hightown, Crewe (at the back gate which is across the road from the top Asda car park) or bring to church.



Christmas Services at St Leonard's, Warmingham

> Weds 11th Dec – 6:30pm Carols in The Bear's Paw

Sunday 15th Dec - 4pm

Nativity Service
Come dressed as an Angel,
Shepherd or Wise Man

Friday 20th Dec - 7pm Carol Service

25th Dec – 9am Christmas Day Christmas Communion



St Leonard's, Warmingham CWII 3NH Facebook: StLeonardschurchwarmingham



Christmas Services at St Peter's

Sunday 15th Dec - 10:45am

Nativity Service
With School Choir
Followed by St Nicholas in the Hall

Weds 18th Dec - 7.30pm

Christmas Concert
South Cheshire Concert Band

Sunday 22nd Dec – 7pm Carol Service

Tues 24th Dec – 3pm and 4:30pm Crib and Christingle Service

> Tues 24th Dec – 11:30pm Midnight Eucharist

25th Dec – 10:45am Christmas Family Communion



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Remembrance Service at Bradfield Green







The Railway Tragedy at Minshull Vernon - 12th December 1924

The quiet village of Minshull Vernon, was, on Friday evening 12th December, the scene of a terrible railway tragedy in which three members of well known and highly respected Cheshire farming families lost their lives. They were: -

Mr George Hollinshead aged 51, and his wife Mrs Mary Hollinshead aged 49 of Bradfield Green Farm, and Mr John Robert Newton aged 54, of Newfield Hall Farm, Minshull Vernon.

A Christmas party was being held at Park Hall Farm, the residence of Mr and Mrs Hall. A short cut to the farm was across a railway crossing which spanned the West Coast main line. It was what is known as an "occupation crossing", a type of level crossing to be found only in country districts, created solely for the use of farmers who own land on both sides of the railway line. It was at this crossing where the fatality occurred. The first guests crossed the line safely, and on seeing the lights of Mr Hollinshead's car about 300 yards behind – it was decided to leave the gates open to save him the trouble of getting out of his car, thus doing him a good turn.

Mr Hollinshead drove onto the track and was in the act of closing the gate behind him, when he heard the Scottish express approaching, but tragically it was too late to move the car, which was then struck by the train.

Mr and Mrs Hollinshead left two sons, Jack and Fred. The funeral service took place at the Wesleyan Church, with their interment at St. Peter's, Minshull Vernon, and was officiated by the Rev. Corsbie (Monica Bermingham's father).

The funeral and interment of Mr Newton, who left a wife Janet and a daughter Dorothy, took place at St. Bartholomew's, Church Minshull, again presided over by Rev. Corsbie.

One hundred years later, on Sunday 8th December 2024, we will be remembering the tragedy during our morning service at St. Peter's with members of the families affected; many of whom still reside in the parish or live locally.



Donations of Toys to St Paul's Centre

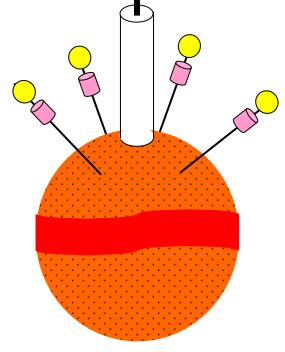


St Nicholas will be visiting St Peter's Community Hall on **Sunday 15th December** at 11.30am. Refreshments will be served and all are very welcome to attend.

If you are able to bring to the hall any new or good quality second hand toys, before or on 15th December these will be given to St Paul's Centre for children less fortunate this Christmas. If they could be wrapped and labelled boy/girl and the age please. Thank you.

Christingle making at St Peter's

Volunteer/s needed to organise the making of the Christingles. Would also need to purchase the oranges, cocktail sticks, sweets. (We have the red tape and candles). Also recruit volunteers to help. The more people involved the more fun it is, and it doesn't take long. Please speak to Rev Paul or Chris Ward if you can help.





Christmas Tree decorating at St Peter's

Volunteers needed to put up and decorate the Christmas Tree in church. Please speak to Rev Paul or Chris Ward if you can help.

St Peter's Christmas Windows

For those of you who kindly decorate a window for Christmas, it would be most appreciated if windows could this be decorated in time for the Carol Service on **Sunday 22nd December.** Thank you.

St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

Please check times of services carefully

Date	Times and services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
Sunday 1st December The 1st Sunday of Advent	11.30am Morning Service	Simon Moss	Helen Walker	Janet and team
Monday 2nd December	2pm School Christingle Service in Church. All welcome			
Sunday 8th December The 2nd Sunday of Advent	11.30am Morning Prayer	Jenny Sant	Helen Walker	
Wednesday 11th December	6.30pm Carol Singing (Bear's Paw)			
Sunday 15th December The 3rd Sunday of Advent	11.30am Communion Service followed by Christmas Lunch in the Hall at 1pm	Judi Baxter	Christmas Flowers	
	4pm Nativity Service			
Tuesday 17th December	2pm School Nativity Service in Church. All welcome			
Wednesday 18th December	6pm School Carol Service in Church			
Friday 20th December	7pm Carol Service			
Sunday 22nd December The 4th Sunday of Advent	9am Holy Communion	Janet Furber	Christmas Flowers	

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	9am Communion and Carols		
Sunday 29th December The 1st Sunday of Christmas	11am Joint Service at St Peter's Minshull Vernon		
Sunday 5th January The Epiphany	11.30am Morning Service	Cecilia Royston	

St Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 1st December The 1st Sunday of Advent	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	1 Thessalonians 3:9-end <i>Chris Ward</i> Luke 21:25-36	No Evensong
Sunday 8th December The 2nd Sunday of Advent	9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Philippians 1:3-11 Ruth Edge Luke 3:1-6	Isaiah 40:1-11 Alison Bate Luke 1:1-25 Andrew Hollinshead
Sunday 15th December The 3rd Sunday of Advent	9am HC 10.45am Family Nativity Service with School Choir followed by St Nicholas in the Hall No 7pm Evensong	Philippians 4:4-7 Ben Entwistle Luke 3:7-18	No Evensong
Wednesday 18th December			7.30pm Christmas Concert

Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Carol Service	Hebrews 10:5-10 Gilly Booth Luke 1:39-45	Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	3pm & 4.30pm Crib & Christingle Services 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist		11.30pm Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14
Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	10.45am Family Communion	Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-14	
Sunday 29th December The 1st Sunday of Christmas	No 9am HC 11am Joint Service with St Leonard's held at St Peter's No 7pm Evensong	Colossians 3:12-17 Chris Ward Luke 2:41-52	No Evensong
Sunday 5th January The Epiphany	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	Ephesians 3:1-12 Jane Dunseath Matthew 2:1-12	No Evensong

St Peter's Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent	Philip and Gail Barnes	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Andrew Hollinshead	No Flowers in Advent
Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	Ben Entwistle Sandra Parkes	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Val Simcock and Paul Harvey	No Flowers in Advent
Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	Philip and Gail Barnes	Philippa Goyer and Ann deRuiter	Audrey Bergin	No Flowers in Advent

Sunday 22nd December The 4th Sunday of Advent	Ben Entwistle Sandra Parkes	Paul Harvey and Ben Entwistle	John and Ruth Edge	Christmas Flowers
Christmas Eve / Christmas Day				
Sunday 29th December The 1st Sunday of Christmas	Philip and Gail Barnes	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Christmas Flowers
Sunday 5th January The Epiphany	Ben Entwistle	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Andrew Hollinshead	Christmas Flowers

South Cheshire Concert Band Christmas Concert



WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER 7.30 PM

St. Peter's Community Hall Minshull Vernon CW1 4RD

Free Entry Festive Refreshments
Christmas Raffle Retiring Collection

St Peter's December Book of Remembrance

- 1st Lily Edge (1992), Winifred Mary Hollinshead (1992), Jonathan Lee Horn (2011) Peter Williams (2016) 2nd 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), Michael Hugh Finch (2023) 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),
- 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; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mary Cecilia Mackle (2018)

31st John Heming (2004)

News from Warmingham CE Primary School





This year we are working towards becoming a silver rights respecting school. This award is granted by UNICEF UK to schools that show good progress towards embedding children's rights in the school's policy, practice and ethos, as outlined in the RRSA Strands. This means as a school we are explicitly embedding the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in its policy, practice and culture.

To become a silver accredited school, we will show how we are promoting knowledge and understanding of the Convention throughout our school and community. This will be shown through the positive impact on children, young people, staff, and on the school's ethos, practice and environment.

As we work towards achieving this accreditation, our children and young people will begin to see themselves as rights respecting global citizens and advocates for fairness and children's rights, both locally and globally.



We at Warmingham believe that courageous advocacy is a long-term legacy, an endowment to future generations; it is about releasing the possibility of the pupils in our school to serve the common good.

Together we are exploring the concept of courageous advocacy and what that means to us as Christians:

What does the Lord require of us?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8)

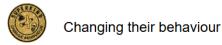
When using the term 'courageous advocacy' we are referring to the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard. Speaking out, at whatever level this takes place, requires an element (and sometimes a great deal) of courage! Becoming a courageous advocate for change, therefore, must involve being informed about an issue and it must move beyond simply knowing, to saying and doing. Educating for courageous advocacy must embody an ethos of action-taking, challenging injustice and becoming agents of change in the transformation of ourselves, our relationships and our communities from the local level to the global. We at Warmingham endeavour to nurture and grow courageous advocates.

As part of this journey, we are currently working with SuperKind Education C.I.C, a 100% not-for-profit organisation dedicated to empowering young children to make positive change happen in the world around them, through the website SuperKind.org.

The Social Impact Schools Award celebrates and showcases school's commitment to having a social impact and provides formal recognition of those schools placing social action and charity-work at the heart of their education.

Applying to be a Social Impact School and achieving the award will provide formal recognition of our school's commitment to social impact.

There are 12 categories of social action listed on SuperKind. These are:





Organising an event



Sharing with others



Donating



Petitioning



Starting a club



Making a speech



Protesting



Volunteering



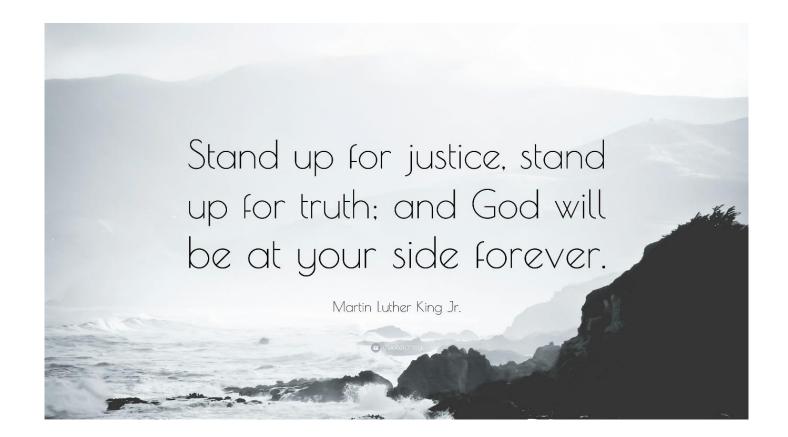
Making a poster



Raising money



Writing a letter



Monday 2nd December

School Christingle Service at 2pm in St Leonard's Church. All welcome.

Tuesday 17th December

School Nativity Service at 2pm in St Leonard's Church. All welcome.

Wednesday 18th December

School Carol Service at 6pm in St Leonard's Church. All welcome.

Warmingham Village News

December Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th	W.I. meeting	7.30pm	Village Hall
Wednesday 11th	Carol Singing	6.30pm	Bear's Paw
Sunday 15th	Nativity Service	4.00pm	Church
Friday 20th	Carol Service	7.00pm	Church
Wednesday 25th	Christmas Day Service	9.00am	Church

January Diary Dates

Sunday 12th Plough Service 11.30am Church

Every Thursday – Bellringing at the church from 7.30 - 9.00pm

Warmingham & District W.I.

The November meeting on Wednesday 6th was the Annual Meeting. After the annual reports and other business had been heard, the committee for next year was elected. Thanks were expressed to Caroline Dawson who had been an able and active President for three years. A new President was then elected from the committee members and this will be Sue Hill.

The monthly meeting continued with member Gill Adlington who demonstrated "Painting for Everyone" by painting a woodland scene.







The December meeting is on **Wednesday 4th** when there will be "A Festive Tour of the World" by the Ukelele Lady.

Warmingham W.I. and friends have booked the Christmas Lunch for **Monday 9th December** at the Legs of Man.

The next meeting of the **Book Group** is on **Monday 13th January** when the book to be discussed is Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan.

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

The **Darts Group** meet at the Market Tavern in Sandbach on Monday lunchtimes. The first match of the season took place on Monday 4th November when Warmingham Taverners were the winners against Wistaston Swans. Warmingham made a clean sweep by winning 3 – 0.



The January meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Warmingham & District W.I. usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Sue Hill by email: wiwarmingham@gmail.com.

Walk 'n Talk

The autumn colours were enjoyed during the walk on Tuesday 12th November along the Trent and Mersey Canal in Middlewich. Lunch was taken at The Big Lock pub.

For the January walk on **Tuesday 14th** meet at 206 Long Lane South Middlewich at 10.30am.



If you wish to join the walk or just come for lunch please sign the list at W.I. or ring Helan on 01606 841711. You do not need to be a W.I. member to join this activity.

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Friday 13th December at 7pm 15.50 pm Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum, Englesea Brook Lane, CW2 5QW

Tickets £8 each, £3 for students, Under 14s free.

Seasonal refreshments included.

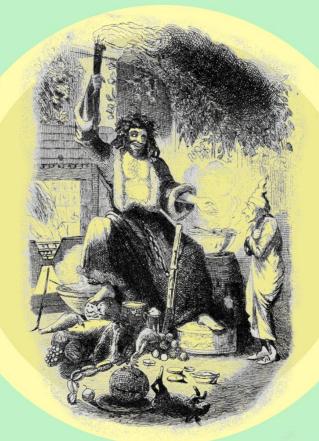
Pay at the door. Parking available. Seating is limited so please email or phone to book tickets: learning@engleseabrook.org.uk/01270 820836

An atmospheric retelling by candlelight of Charles Dickens' most famous tale, performed by professional storyteller Elizabeth Morris.

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The Ghost of Christmas Present
Original illustration by John Leech from the 1843 1st edition



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