

## St Luke's Diary

*An Hour of Prayer takes place in homes in the area each week, for those in any kind of need, at 4:00pm on Wednesdays*

### Week commencing 18th December

Monday 18	9.00am	St Luke's Team Prayers
	12.30pm	St Luke's Lunches
Tuesday 19	10.00am	Knit & Natter (Shiny Sheff)
	2.30pm	Seeds of Hope
Thursday 21	10.00am	Women's Coffee 'n' Chat
	10.30am	Holy Communion (Chapel) - Rev. Bill Craft
	7.30pm	Women's Evening Group - 'All our own Christmas'

### Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

10.00am	Holy Communion (Baptist) - Lesley Combe
11.45am	Prayers for Church & Community (Chapel)
4.00pm	Christingle Family Service - Andrew Foulkes
11.30pm	Holy Communion (CW) - Rev. Chris Stebbing

**A HUGE THANK YOU...** to all those who have supported the Children's Shoebox Appeal. Together, we have achieved the completion of 149 boxes and, despite the suggested amount being increased from £3 to £5 per box, there were sufficient donations to process and ship them all! We have also been able to send several large bags full of surplus items to top up boxes at the Sheffield warehouse. Their destination will, as usual, be notified to us in the New Year. *Thank you, once again, for thinking of needy children overseas at Christmastime. Your generosity is totally overwhelming. Jane Pitfield*

When Christmas advertising is shouting about the perfect life, remember Christmas can be a very, very low time for a lot of people whose lives are feeling difficult, and even more so when expectations are so high. Please do keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



**Samaritans: Call free on 116 123**

#suicideawareness #itsoknot2beok

Please give information for the noticesheet to Michelle Foulkes either by hand, telephone (office 230 3199) or e-mail (office@slclm.org) by 1:00pm on Wednesdays.



# Welcome to St Luke's

Registered Charity No. 1136795

## Sunday 17th December (Advent 3)

### VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us today and that you feel welcome. Please join us for coffee or tea after the service. Is there anything you would like to know about St Luke's? Ask people near you and if they don't know the answer, they will find someone who does! You will also find copies of our magazine 'St Luke's News' on the bookstall in the foyer.



### Today at St Luke's

10.00am	Morning Worship - Fiona Stevens & Bill Wade
11.45am	Prayers for Church & Community (Chapel)
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight - Rev. Chris Stebbing

**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be left, at any time, in the basket on the table in the foyer – these will be gathered up and prayed on Sundays.

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*If you would value prayer for yourself or someone else, no matter how serious or trivial it may seem, come and pray in confidence with members of the Prayer Team who are available after the services. They can be identified by their yellow badge. God is interested in your need and He is big enough to cope with it!*



**Induction Loop: We have an induction loop in the church**

**Large paper prints of words are also available**



The Church is funded by individual donations. Collections in services are an opportunity for church members to contribute to the church's ministry. *If you are a visitor, please feel free to pass the offertory bag on.*

**Vicar/Minister: Rev. Chris Stebbing**

St Luke's Church, Blackbrook Road, Lodge Moor, Sheffield S10 4LQ  
[www.slclm.org](http://www.slclm.org)

*St. Luke's Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership, representing the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Lodge Moor.*

## Please Pray For:

### ***The Local Community***

We pray for all who reside within the Parish especially, this week, those living in: Blackbrook Avenue, Drive & Road.

### ***The Local Church***

Please pray for Seeds of Hope: St Luke's Bereavement Support Group

### ***The Church Around the World***

The proceeds from our Christmas collections will go to StopGap (Sheffield) except for the Christingle service where the money from the collection will go to the Children's Society (UK). Stopgap provides temporary accommodation for the homeless and the Children's Society works to alleviate the suffering of vulnerable children.

### ***Our Church Family***

The sick and those in need: Rita Naylor, Barrie Milner, Michael Derbyshire, Cynthia Wilson, Marie Raynor, Frances Henry, Martin Ducksbury, Stella Dutton, Carol Clapham, Nick Bough, Pat Hartley, Heather Young, Keith Bomford.

## Notices:

**There will be one notice sheet to cover the Christmas holiday's** from 24<sup>th</sup> December - 7<sup>th</sup> January. If you have anything for the notice sheet in this period please get it to Michelle before 1.00pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**BABY BASICS;** It has come to the attention of Julie Moss that people might like to know exactly how the money being donated to Baby Basics is going to be spent. The money will be used to buy Moses basket and cot mattresses. These **HAVE** to be brought new and cost £4.50 for a Moses basket and £18 - £22 for a cot, this means an annual bill of between £3000 - £4000. The money from St Luke's will make a **HUGE** difference to Baby Basics and they are very grateful for all the support they receive. Please do keep them in your prayers.

**Thank you so much** for your generosity in providing chocolates and/or knitted hats for the Soup Wagon Christmas party bags. They will be very much appreciated and are a very tangible way of showing God's love to those for whom Christmas can be a bleak reminder of their isolation. Sue Prestwood

**Church Christmas Card:** Thank you to Jenny and the children who entered our Christmas card competition for the large mounted card in the foyer. You may like to sign the card in lieu of sending cards to church family friends, and make a contribution to our Christmas Charity 'Stopgap'.

**Thank you to people who've brought freezer meals,** please can you let Janett Malbon know when you put meals in the freezer ([jmalbon@mac.com](mailto:jmalbon@mac.com)), and don't put a date on the container. We record that in the freezer meals folder. Thank you. Janett.

**The Rainbows** have managed to raise just over £350 from the cake sale and their Christmas Fair. They would like to say thank you to everyone from St Luke's who supported them.

**The Nativity Trail is back:** Even better than last year! **3<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> December.** For ages 3-8 years, pick up a leaflet from the foyer or the newsagents on Rochester Road and give it a go. Once you have completed the trail, pick up a prize from the church entrance on Blackbrook Road.

**Please Note:** There will be **NO children's groups** on 31st December!

**Carol Singing at Lodge Moor Shops:** Carol singing for local shoppers is back! All welcome to join us on **Saturday 23rd December 10.30-11.10am** at the Rochester Road shops. For more info please contact Carolyn Tsang on 07905 759445.

**MINCEPIES.....lots.. &.. lots... &... lots** of them are needed for after the two Carol Services and the Christingle. Normal sized ones and miniature ones are acceptable. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you in anticipation.

## Discipleship Opportunities

**Methodist Representative** for St Luke's: Our current Methodist rep has stood down so we are looking to fill this role. If you think this could be you or you would like to find out more then please speak to Rev. Chris.

**URGENT:** Several of our Magazine Distributors, now in their 70's and 80's, feel it is time to retire after some 30 years faithful service. Would you be able to deliver, say, 15 magazines once a month to houses near where you live and collect their subscriptions once a year? Please talk to Keith Bomford if you feel you could give ½ an hour a month in this way. We urgently need several to start in January.

**Do you know someone looking for a delightful detached flat in Lodge Moor? Are they a caring person?** We are looking for someone to live in our flat as a neighbour giving help to Carol when John is traveling. Carol doesn't need any personal care just help with evening meals and to be available overnight "just in case". The flat is offered on an "accommodation for duties basis". Please have a word with John Clapham 2304739 or e-mail [jkclapham@btinternet.com](mailto:jkclapham@btinternet.com)