

Prayer points

Joan Noble; Helen, Saji, Jasmine and Andrew Pazhookalayil; David Penman Ken Gordon undergoing major surgery on Monday (17th)
Wisdom and graciousness for our Prime Minister, Cabinet, and all members of Parliament as they consider what to do about Brexit
Westhill Community Church as they consider over the next few weeks whether to stay within the Scottish Episcopal Church
Agreement on strong actions and fair and transparent rules to come from the climate change talks in Poland

DIARY DATES

Thursday 13 December

10.30am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel with June MacCormack

Sunday 16 December

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship, Sharon Smith speaking
2.30pm Sunday Club and Middle Church visit Deeside Care Home to sing carols
3.30 to 5.00pm Messy Church in the hall

Tuesday 18 December

4.30pm Christingle Service in Church
All ages welcome

Thursday 20 December

10.30am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel with Gerry Bowyer

Saturday 22 December

10.30am Decorating the church for Christmas

Sunday 23 December

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Carol Service

Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion

Thursday 27 December

10.30am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel with June MacCormack

Weekly prayer meetings

7.00am Thursdays; 8.45am Fridays now in the Lady Chapel

Prayer in the Lady Chapel each Sunday from 10.00 to 10.20am

Pop-up choir

If you like singing carols (all ages welcome) and would like to be in our pop-up choir, please have a word with Helen. 01224 864 658 helenmgoodyear@aol.com

Can you help?

We need two or three new people for the rota to welcome people as they arrive at church. It means being at church by 10.15am. If you think you could do this, please let Diane know (in the office), or talk to Helen or Frank.

Decorating the church for Christmas 10.30am Saturday 22 December

If you have holly, ivy or other greenery, please bring to the church and if you are able to stay to help decorate, you will be most welcome.

Christmas Tree Festival Monday to Sunday 10 to 16 December 1.00 to 7.00pm Cults Kirk Sanctuary

An opportunity for some peace and quiet, and time to meditate, pray or just relax and enjoy the experience. There will be an Advent journey with an accompanying leaflet which may help to interpret the Christmas story in a more meaningful way. Admission free.

Beer and carols

Thursday 20 December in the Bieldside Inn. *To be confirmed*

AGM

Helen Goodyear was re-elected as People's Warden and Julia House as Lay Representative. Frank Dirr continues as Rector's Warden and Geoffrey Tudor as Treasurer. There were no nominations for the two Vestry vacancies. As the accounts are not yet finalized there will be another meeting, probably in February. At this meeting there will be the election for the Alternate Lay Representative and the Vestry will let us know what will happen about the two vacancies. We will also receive an update on possible changes to the Constitution.

Ruth and Ian Arthur have a new home in Cheshire. *Our address will be 3 BURTON DRIVE, POYNTON SK12 1AA. It has been quite a journey since we left Aberdeen in January but we feel very blessed by most of the experiences of the past year and feel that finding this house was always God's plan. St George's Poynton has been a very welcoming congregation and Poynton as a village offers us lots of opportunity to make this home. We are 20 minutes from Manchester Airport and 20 minutes from M6 so those who are travelling near us will always be*

most welcome visitors. Meantime we wish all our friends at St Devenick's a very Happy Christmas and a real sharing of joy in your celebrations.

Background to songs on the screen

We are trying out a different coloured background to the songs on the screen, We'd like to know which you find easiest to read, yellow or blue. Please let Helen, Gerry, June or Stephen know your thoughts.

A date for 2019

The Centre of Mission at Credo will be launched with a service of praise and worship at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30 January.

Prayer

Good and gracious God,
grant us a glimpse of your glory,
that we may rejoice in your presence
and abide in your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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St Devenick's Church, Bieldside

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sundays 9 and 16 December 2018

Sunday 16 December	Advent 3
Leading	Stephen Goodyear
Speaking	Sharon Smith
Reading	Simon Barnett, Geoffrey Tudor
Intercessions	Julia House
Welcome	Jill Kirkham
Offering	Adrian McBurnie
Sound	Martin Kirkham
Prayer ministry	John Lonsdale, Sharon Smith
Coffee	Sharon and George Smith
Flowers	Advent, no flowers
Sunday Club	Wendy Ratcliffe, John Tickell

Sunday 23 December	Advent 4
Leading	Gerry Bowyer
Speaking	Gerry Bowyer
Reading	Various
Intercessions	Jill Kirkham
Welcome	Lorna Sim
Offering	Jim Middleton
Sound	Iain House
Prayer ministry	Kathleen Simpson, Rob Cooper
Coffee	Elisabeth and John Lonsdale
Flowers	Everyone
Sunday Club	Join Carol Service