

St. Botolph's Church, Quarrington

Notices for 19th December 2021

Church Services – December 2021 / January 2022

Sunday 19 th Dec	11am All Age Communion
Sunday 26 th Dec	11am Said Communion
Sunday 2 nd Jan	11am All Age Worship
Sunday 9 th Jan	11am Holy Communion

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th December

7pm Advent course

Wednesday 22nd December

7pm Carol Service in church

Thursday 23rd December

10am Advent course at the Rectory

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service – help needed to steward please

4.30pm Crib Service – help needed to steward please

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Praise service followed by short communion

Tuesday 11th January

2pm Book Group meets in the Church Room – details below

Wednesday 12th January

2pm Ladies Group meets in the Church Room

Saturday 22nd January

7pm Light-hearted quiz in the Church Community Hall

BEING A LOCAL MISSION CHURCH

Tell people about the Follow the Star Trail to spread the real message of Christmas. It starts at church – more details inside this notice sheet.

Invite someone to the Carol Service on 22nd December at 7pm – share the joy of Christmas.

Carol Singing

Thank-you to everyone who came carol singing and took church out into the community.

Clergy Leave

Rev Rebecca will be on leave from Sunday 26th December to Saturday 1st January inclusive.

Rev Mark will be on leave from Sunday 2nd to Friday 7th January inclusive.

Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year
to you all.

Christmas Services

Wednesday 22nd December

7pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3pm and 4.30pm Crib Services

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Praise

(followed by communion)

Boxing Day

11am Said Communion Service

Morning Prayer

There will not be Morning Prayer on Zoom for the week beginning 27th December. It will resume again on 3rd January. Please continue to say Morning Prayer at home. Each day's Morning Prayer can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



Covid Restrictions

The Standing Committee of the PCC has met to discuss the latest guidance from the Church of England. Your safety is our main concern and changes may have to be made at short notice. At present, we are planning to continue with our services but ask that, unless you are exempt, you wear a facemask throughout the services, including during singing. Hand gel will be at the entrance to church for everyone to sanitise their hands.

Coffee will continue to be served after Sunday morning services using the controls we already have in place but please do not congregate at the back of church and leave space when queuing. The Crib Services will have a one-way system with people entering through the south door (at the front of church) and leaving through the north (rear) door. People will be encouraged to enter via the lych-gate to allow safe queuing for the next service will not come into contact with those at the earlier service. The pews will be wiped down between services on Christmas Eve so there may be a delay in letting people in to the second Crib Service.

If you test positive with Covid19 shortly after attending a service, please contact Rev Mark Thomson on 01529 306776. Emails to inform you will be sent to those for whom we have contact details or telephone calls will be made to those without email. If you are not a regular member of the congregation, please either leave your contact details or scan the track and trace code.

Thank-you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

Christmas Hampers

Sleaford Larder are putting together hampers intended for families who are experiencing genuine hardship with limited support or resolution to their situation (beyond their control). Hampers (including items for a Christmas meal, snack, nibbles & non-alcoholic drinks as well as gifts for children) will be delivered on Christmas Eve, as a surprise for the recipients. Please drop off items at the New Life Church. Thank you.

Book Group

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th January at 2.00pm in the Church Room. We are reading The Ashes of London by Andrew Taylor. Please talk to Jennifer for more details.



Christmas Trail

The Follow the Star Trail is running from 18th December to 3rd January. Collect a map from church and follow the trail to find the clues. There is a chocolate stop too!

Christmas Market Stall

Thank-you to everyone who made items, helped with the stall and those who bought items. We made approximately £250 for church funds.

A Christmas Quiz

1. Where was Joseph originally from?
2. Who was the prophet that foretold, 'A virgin shall give birth to a son called Immanuel'?
3. What else did the wise men do apart from give Jesus gifts?
4. What does the name Immanuel mean?
5. True or False? Christmas wasn't celebrated for over 300 years after Jesus died?
6. What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?
7. Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?

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Quiz Answers:
1. Bethlehem, 2. Isaiah, 3. They knelt down and worshipped him,
4. God with us, 5. True, The first Christmas was celebrated on
December 25th 336AD, 6. The Bible doesn't mention any animals but
you could presume sheep as the shepherds went to visit,
7. Mark and John.