



The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

Registered Charity Number 1179471



All Saints' Sedgley, St Andrew the Straits and St Peter Upper Gornal

NOTICE SHEET - Sunday 15th December – the third Sunday of Advent

We are pleased that you are here today and very much hope you will come again! To know more about us, please speak to the Churchwarden, or a sides person. You are warmly invited to join us for tea or coffee after the 9.30 and 10.30 Services.

Today's readings: Isaiah 35.1-10, Psalm 146.4-10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11. For full readings please see separate collect and readings sheet

SERVICES IN THE PARISH TODAY: Sunday 15th December

All Saints – 8am – Holy Communion – Revd Guy Hewlett

All Saints – 10.30am – Holy Communion – Revd Catherine Mitchell

All Saints – 6.30pm – Book of Common Prayer – Evensong – Revd Catherine Mitchell

St Andrew – 9.30am – Family Worship – Canon Jan Humphries

St Peter – 10.30am – Holy Communion – Revd Guy Hewlett

Wednesday 18th December – 10.00am - St Peter – Holy Communion – Revd Guy Hewlett

SERVICES IN THE PARISH NEXT SUNDAY 22nd December

All Saints – 8am – Holy Communion – Revd Catherine Mitchell

All Saints – 10.30am – Holy Communion – Revd Guy Hewlett

All Saints – 6.30pm – Carol Service – Revd Guy Hewlett

St Andrew – 9.30am – Holy Communion – Revd Catherine Mitchell

St Peter – 10.30am – Worship Together – Suzanne Bradley

*Holy Communion - Everyone is welcome to come forward during Holy Communion. If you are visiting or are new to this church and are a communicant member of the Church of England or another Christian denomination please share communion with us; if you are not confirmed, please hold a book in your hand and a blessing will be given. If moving from your seat is difficult, please speak to the Churchwarden or a sides

person and communion can be brought to you.

NOTICES FOR THE WHOLE PARISH - FUNERALS – the funeral of the late Edward Barker will take place at St Peters on the 18th December at 1.30pm, on the 19th December the funeral of the late Gemma Male at 3.30pm and on the 20th December the funeral of the late Donald Venn at 10.20am both at Gornal Wood. Our thoughts go out to all their families at this sad time.

PARISH PRAYERS at 9.15am – All are welcome to join us for our Tuesday Parish Prayers at St Andrew, Wednesday at St Peter and Thursday at All Saints.

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK - Our thanks to all of you who continue to donate. Our current shortages are UHT Fruit Juice 1L, Small Jars of Coffee, Jars of Cooking Sauces, UHT Milk 1L, Jam & Marmalade, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Bottles of Squash. (We still don't need Baked Beans). Thanks from all at 'Springs'

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AT ALL SAINTS - The winners of the Christmas Raffle were: 1st Prize - £50 Mollie Anderson, 2nd Prize - £30 Voucher for The Summerhouse - Kathryn Osborne, 3rd Prize - 'Chocolate Explosion' - Beryl Tredwell, 4th Prize - ReTwisted Voucher - June Wright, 5th Prize - Jigsaw - Mel Bates, 6th Prize - Box of Chocolates - Caleb

TEAM SERVICE LIFT SHARE - There are some regular worshippers who find getting to other churches in the parish very difficult. It has been suggested that we have a Parish Lift sheet in every church, so that team services could be promoted and offered on the 5th Sunday of every month, plus Patronal Festivals. There will be a list at the back of church if you would be willing to offer lifts and or if you require one. Please note the next team service will be at St Andrews on the 29th December at 9.30 am. All are welcome. Thank you. Kath Apperley.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS – are now on sale available from Anne Hart. Please contact Gail 01902 540289. Thank you.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE MINISTRY ACROSS THE DIOCESE - there will be nine opportunities across the diocese to discuss the future of ministry within the diocese; meetings open to all, and we encourage you to attend one if you can **Tuesday 14 January**, 10am – 12.33pm Pershore Town Hall, WR10 1DS, •**Tuesday 14 January**, 7 –

9.15pm, St James' Church, Welland, WR13 6LP, •**Monday 20 January**, 2 – 4.30pm, and 7-9:15pm St John's Church Centre, Kates Hill, Dudley DY2 7JT•**Thursday 30 January**, 2 – 4.30pm, The Old Palace, Worcester, WR1 2JE, •**Tuesday 4 February**, 2 – 4.30pm, Catshill Social Club, Meadow Road, Bromsgrove B61 0JJ, •**Tuesday 4 February**, 7 – 9.15pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster, DY10 2JL.

MULTI GENERATIONAL EVENING – Saturday 4th January 5-8pm at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. There will be coaches for this evening leaving from Gornal. If you are interested, please speak to Guy or Catherine.

NOTICES FOR ST ANDREWS - ST ANDREWS CAROL SERVICE WITH SINGING ANGELS NATIVITY – at 4pm today. All Are Welcome.

COFFEE AND CHAT AT ST ANDREWS – everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday from 10am till 12 noon.

NOTICES FOR ALL SAINTS - FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS CARDS – will be available from Cicely Thomas.

ASDA GRANT - With the £15,000 ASDA Grant now finally confirmed work is progressing in the hall. The servery in the Community Room is now fitted out, with a water boiler due to be installed. Work in the kitchen is due to commence on January 13th so will be closed for access for a week. Please use the main doors or the Community Room - the door will be left on the security latch for people accessing from Ladies Walk. The windows will be replaced - date to be confirmed. The flat roof is also to be replaced when weather permits. You may also notice that a security light has been installed over the emergency exit. Any further information see John Anderson.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE - we raised £2415 a splendid effort - thanks to all those who made it a success. In particular, to Cynthia Round who came to assist on behalf of Barclays who match funded £477.25. John Anderson.

CHURCH ALTAR LINEN - PURIFICATORS – Would you be able to assist with the laundry of the purificators which are used in communion services and towels used for baptisms? If you can please contact Keith Tomlinson.

CHRISTINGLES - Junior Church would be grateful for donations towards the cost of providing oranges and sweets for the Christingles. Any excess money received will be donated to the Children's Society. Please see Barbara Price if you are able to make a contribution. We will be making the Christingles in the Hall from 2 pm on Monday 23rd December if anyone would like to help. Refreshments will be provided! Thank you.
Barbara Price.

ALL SAINTS CAROL SERVICE – on the 22nd December at 6.30pm.

NOTICES FOR ST PETERS - CHRISTINGLES - We'll be making Christingles at 10.00 a.m. on Christmas Eve at St Peters in readiness for the 6.00 p.m. service. If you can help please come along. Many thanks.

CHURCH MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION - We are trying to compile a contacts list for members of St Peter's church, this will primarily be used by clergy and parish administration. Your information will be held on the parish data base. If you wish for us to have this information and to enable us to comply with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) please fill in the forms that will be available at church services over the next few weeks, and post in the box provided. If you have any questions please contact Catherine or Guy.

CAROL SINGING with folk from other churches in Upper Gornal. Friday 20th Dec. 8.00 pm. at the Labour Club. Saturday 21st 10.30 a.m. in the Shopping Precinct. Everyone more than welcome to come and make a joyful noise.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the above events and all who are ill, bereaved, or suffering, those known to us and those who are unknown to us, that they may feel the closeness of the Lord's healing heart and His comforting arms around them.

PARISH OFFICE – The parish office is open Monday to Friday 10-12.00 noon. 01902 540289 and my email address is admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. **Can items for the pew sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12 noon please.** Thank you. Gail. **Please note that Revd Guy Hewlett's usual day off is a Monday Revd Catherine Mitchell's is a Friday and Canon Jan Humphries is a Saturday.**



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