

NEWS IN THE PEWS

04 DECEMBER 2011/ADVENT 2

St Mary's Lutterworth w Cotesbach & Bitteswell
'Working for the Kingdom of God'

"Do your best to be pure
and faultless in God's
sight and to be at peace
with him." 2 Peter 3:14

Collect for the day

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.



Diary

Wk Commencing 04 December

04 Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bitteswell
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Lutterworth
	4.00pm	Christingle	Cotesbach
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Lutterworth
06 Tuesday	9.30am	Prayer Focus	Lutterworth
07 Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Lutterworth
08 Thursday	10.30am	Refresh	Bitteswell Rd
	12 noon	High School Rehearsal	Lutterworth
	1.30pm	Let's Go	Churchgate
09 Friday	12noon	Christmas Tree Festival	Lutterworth
	7.00pm	Youth Concert	Lutterworth
10 Saturday	10.00am	Christmas Tree Festival	Lutterworth
	7.30pm	'Sounds of Christmas'	Lutterworth
11 Sunday	10.30am	Nativity Service	Lutterworth
	11.00am	Family Service	Bitteswell

Please note the office will operate a limited service between Thursday 1st and Wednesday 7th December.



LUTTERWORTH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH. Friday 9th December 12noon-9.00pm and Saturday 10th December 10.00am-6.00pm. Entrance £2/£1 concessions. Plus: Youth Concert on Friday 7.00-9.00pm, and Sounds of Christmas Concert on Saturday 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £5 each.



IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS! There is a brand new selection of books in the Lutterworth Coffee Area. Ideal gift idea, or why not treat yourself and relax with a good book over the festive period.



THE CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP in the coffee area of St Mary's Church in Lutterworth is open! The shop is trading from 10am until 4pm Monday through to Saturday until 17th December. An excellent variety of Christmas cards are available supporting over 30 different charities including 3 local ones. Staffed by volunteers the shop also sells Christmas wrapping paper, tags, ribbon, calendars and other small gifts. A home delivery service is available for any housebound people in Lutterworth who would like to look at and buy Cards for Good Causes in their own home. They should contact Margaret Jackson or Sue Turner (554455) to arrange a visit. Please visit the website to learn more about the work of CFGC <http://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk/>



RSV BIBLES. The pew bibles at Lutterworth have been updated with the Good News Version. The RSV bibles have been given new homes, and have been gratefully received by Revd Andrew Roberts of the HMP prison chaplaincy, with the remainder going to Church Langton Parish Church. Thank you to those who originally gifted them, it is nice to know they will continue to be used for the greater good.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH STYLE. Monday 19th December at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church Bitteswell. *A local group of close harmony singers performing familiar Christmas songs and carols.* Tickets £5 including refreshments, available from Margaret Foster 01455 553 258. Proceeds to church funds.

YEAR FOR GOD? Rhiannon Kerton is embarking on an adventure next year with Youth with a Mission (YWAM). For 6 months she will be based in the UK, and thereafter in Bolivia undertaking social action! Please see the display in Lutterworth Church and take a leaflet available in each church and if you feel able to sponsor Rhiannon then complete and return the enclosed form. *Thank you*

ADVANCE NOTICE: Following on from the Welcome Course held at St Mary's Lutterworth during the Lent period earlier this year, the PCC has approved the running of another course called "Love One Another". This will be held again in St. Mary's Lutterworth and will run for 6 consecutive weeks in Lent 2012 from Monday evening 20th February 2012, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The Rev Canon Davis will be leading this course and there will be a charge to cover course materials. Please reserve these dates. Further details will follow. Please contact Mollie Toye or Rosemary Lowdon for information.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CARDS. To support the Mayor's Appeal to raise funds for Lutterworth Churchyard Improvements, some special Christmas Cards have been commissioned of 4 different designs of the church. They are £1 each or 4 for £3.50 with all profits to the appeal. Available in the coffee area at Lutterworth.

MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS. They tell the Christmas story and taste great! Website for more info is www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk Available at Fairtrade Breakfast. Supplies also available from Dawn (552205) at £3.95.

Our monthly focus is on Parkinson's Disease, and Dementia including Alzheimer's Disease

Please pray for all those suffering from, or coming to terms with a neurological diagnosis. A group of progressive symptoms which are often treated with drugs. We pray also for those who care for relatives and close friends, as they can often feel very isolated.

Please pray

For all those concerned about their future, for those whose job is insecure, which makes for a worrying time balancing finances. We pray for small businesses applying for funding to expand and to recruit new employees. Also we pray for all those looking for work and particularly young people seeking direction.

Please pray

For all the preparations for Christmas, and particularly the events happening in our churches starting this week.

Please pray

For Rhiannon Kerton as she seeks to fund her placement with YWAM next year in the missionary field.

For all those who need God's healing power

We pray for 9 year old Michael Lewis who remains very poorly following an operation. We uphold Joan Mattock, Chloe, Barbara Wild, Sheila and Gerry Fry, Kelly, Daphne, Kathy Matthew. Please pray for Cathal McGrath who is undergoing treatment at Nottingham hospital. We continue to pray for Paul & Sandy Williams. And Margaret Porter, as we pray for her recovery.