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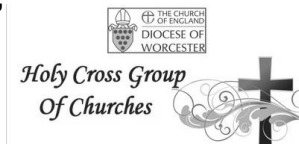
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St Leonard's church is open daily, 8am-7pm
Blakedown church is open daily
Churchill church is open every Friday
Churchill's porch is open daily
The porch of Broome church is open daily

If you would like a general pastoral visit, or if you are ill (at home or in hospital) and would like to be visited, please contact a member of the Ministry Team.

The Weekly Newsletter for the churches of
Holy Trinity – Belbroughton;
St James the Great – Blakedown;
St Peter – Broome;
St James the Great – Churchill;
St Leonard – Clent;
St Mark – Fairfield



(in association with our sister churches in Hagley,
as the proposed 'Holy Cross' Group)

Welcome everyone worshipping with us today.

A special welcome to anyone visiting us for the first time.

THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH HERE IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU.

2nd December 2018

Coffee is usually available after the morning services. If you would like to find out more information about any of the activities associated with our churches, please speak to a warden or sides person.

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd December		1st Sunday of Advent
9.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Broome
10.00am	Holy Communion	St James, Blakedown
10.00am	Christingle	St Leonard, Clent
11.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
4.00pm	Service of Lights	St James, Churchill
6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Mark, Fairfield
Wednesday 5th December		
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Leonard, Clent
Sunday 9th December		2nd Sunday of Advent
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard, Clent
10.00am	Holy Communion	St James, Churchill
10.00am	Informal Praise	St James, Blakedown
11.15am	Worship4All	St Mark, Fairfield
11.15am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
6.30pm	Broome Village Carol Service	St Peter, Broome
Wednesday 12th December		
10.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Broome
Sunday 16th December		
10.00am	Holy Communion	St James, Blakedown
10.00am	Informal Service	St James, Churchill
4.00pm	Carols on the Green	Belbroughton
6.30pm	Lessons and Carols	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
6.30pm	Carol Service	St Leonard, Clent

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bible Study Tuesday 4th December 7.30pm
Belbroughton Church Office
MU Branch Service Thursday 6th December 2.30pm
St Leonard, Clent
Caring & Sharing Saturday 8th December 10.30am
Belbroughton Church Office
Christmas Coffee Morning Friday 14th December 10.00am-noon
Belbroughton Church Hall

BAPTISMS

Alana Sheasby

Sunday 2nd December 12.30pm at St Leonard, Clent

FUNERALS

Bill Carter

Monday 3rd December 10.30am at St Leonard, Clent

Clent School Carol Service

Tuesday 18th December 7pm at St Leonard's Church

Clent School Christmas Fayre

Thursday 20th December 3-6pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Broome Village Carol Service at St Peter's Church Sunday 9th
December 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome

Blakedown Village Carol Service at St James the Great,
Blakedown Thursday 20th December at 7pm

Service of Lights 2018 at St James the Great, Churchill Sunday 2nd
December at 4pm

Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy Saturday 8th December 11am –
1pm Blakedown Church

Christmas Presents please

Christmas presents are urgently needed for the children of prisoners at HMP Long Lartin.

Each year Mothers' Union provides a present for all children visiting their fathers in Prison at Christmas time. The under fives are always well catered for but we do need presents for children aged 5 and over and most particularly for teenagers of either sex.

If you could give a present for one of these children we would be most grateful. Please leave it at the church office before 10th December or contact Anne Harris on 730254

Parish Intercessions

Sunday 2nd December – 1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As a corporal act of mercy, please offer the following topics for prayer this week:

- Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scotland), Porvoo (Finland) and all their Archbishops, Bishops and clergy.
- Justin our Archbishop, John our Bishop, Graham the Bishop of Dudley, for Nikki our Archdeacon, Andrew our Rural Dean, Sue our Curate-in-Charge/Priest, for the Clergy, Readers and Lay-minsters of the Stourbridge Deanery, our ALM Team and visiting Clergy, the Church Wardens of our group of Churches; our Musical Directors, Organists and Choir, and our Administrators Christine & Chrissy.
- The homes and families of:
BFC: Church Hill, Belbroughton; Calcot Hill, Clent; Brook Road, Fairfield
- CBB: Hackmans Gate Lane, Broome; Iverley Lane, Blakedown & Churchill
- Businesses and shops in our villages
- Those who read for worship

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit; may they know your presence alongside them in their time of need, including: Felicity Willows, Peter Woollaston, Glynn Ashman, Marilyn Hiscock, Ted Anstey

We pray, for those mourning the death of loved ones especially for the family and friends of Ursula Strong, Ernest Lane, Bill Carter, Brian Plant, Anne Wood, John Robert (Bob) Davies, Audrey Smallwood, Beryl Moore, Rachel Stanley, Kate Stevens, Michael Wood, Dr John Mucklow, Nancy Churchman, Elsie Anstey, David Mills

The Gospel Reading: Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming, Alleluia!

Readings for next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading	Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4
Second Reading	Philippians 1.3-11
Gospel	Luke 3.1-6
Psalm	Benedictus

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalm: 25.1-9

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.