



Sunday 12th December 2021 St Peter's Pedmore

Notices

Services at St. Peter's

Sunday 12th December

- 9.00 am Holy Communion - *Zephaniah 3:14-end and Luke 3:7-18*
10.30 am Morning Worship - *Zephaniah 3:14-end and Luke 3:7-18*
Wednesday 15th December - 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Andrew's

Sunday 19th December

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Worship with Christmas in mind
5.00 pm Carols by Candlelight *A family friendly service for all ages - children are invited to come dressed as a shepherd, a sheep or farmyard animal, a King, a star or an angel and take part in our nativity.*
7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight *A traditional service*

Wednesday 22nd December

- 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Peter's
6.30pm Carols by Torchlight in the Churchyard

Christmas Eve 24th December

- 4.00pm All age Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 25th December

- 10.00am Christmas for All: including a celebration of Communion – *children please bring a toy to show us.*

Sunday 26th December

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd January

- 9.00am Holy Communion -
10.30am Morning Worship -
Wednesday 5th January - 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Peter's



Carols by Torchlight

In the churchyard

Wednesday 22nd December 6.30pm

All ages welcome – please bring a torch

Mulled Wine: Mince Pies: Squash



Café: 0-100! – Every Tuesday afternoon in the St. Peter's Centre

A promotional banner for the 'Café: 0-100!' event. The banner has a dark wood-grain background. At the top, a green bar contains the text 'TOYS • FRIENDSHIP • CHAT • TOYS • FRIENDSHIP • CHAT'. On the left is the St Peter's Pedmore logo, which features three stylized figures in green and blue. The main text 'Café: 0-100!' is in large, white, bold letters. Below it, in smaller white text, are the items offered: 'Freshly Ground Fairtrade Coffee • Fairtrade Tea' and 'Home Baked Cakes • High Juice'. A yellow 'No Charge' tag is placed over the bottom right. On the right side, there are images of a coffee cup and a plate with a cake. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text 'EVERY TUESDAY • 2.00-4.00PM • FROM 28TH SEPTEMBER'.

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Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in church or the porch at 128 Ham Lane (or phone 01562 720393 to arrange collection). To make a donation of money, send cheques by post to: **Black Country Foodbank,**

Albion Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE or see www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Carol Singers Needed

- To sing in the Foley Arms on the evening of 15th December (please contact Pauline Rollason – tel. 01562 883783).
- To sing outside the houses of those who are shielding on the evening of 20th December (please contact David Nichol tel. 01562 229470).
- To sing in the churchyard – Carols by Torchlight – 6.30pm Weds 22nd December

St Peter's Christmas Trail



A 1.5km Treasure Trail for all the family, starting from St Peter's Church, with a prize for every participant

18th – 23rd December 2021

The trail booklet can be downloaded at www.stpeterspedmore.org

The trail starts and ends at St Peter's Church. The route takes in a small part of Pedmore Lane, St Peter's Rd, Swindell Road, a small part of Compton Road, Lightwoods Road and Lychgate Avenue. It involves only crossing Pedmore Lane and a few side roads. It is 1.5km in length.

Follow the stars along the route and you will journey through the Christmas Story and discover our new born King. As you follow the stars you will be asked questions which you can answer by looking at the pictures and reading the story. Younger children can spot the colours of the sheep hidden on each post!

You will need **a pen** and, if journeying when dark, **a torch**.

Copies will be in a box in the lychgate and can also be downloaded.

Christmas Appeal 2021

Instead of sending cards to the Church Family, why not write a message on a bauble and hang it on our Christmas Tree at the back of Church and give a donation towards **Giving Hands** a local charity operating in Brierly Hill.

Worship for Sunday 12th December 2021

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song:

All: For he has done marvellous things.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth:

All: And burst into jubilant song

Make music to God with the harp:

All: With a song and the sound of praise.

Song

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,

When Thou camest to earth for me;

But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room

For Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,

Proclaiming Thy royal degree;

But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,

And in great humility.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest

In the shade of the forest tree;

But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,

In the deserts of Galilee.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for thee."
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest and callest for me.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**All: Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Saying Sorry to God

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Lord, we have not used your gifts wisely: forgive us for being unprofitable.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord we, we have not kept brightly burning the light you entrusted to us: forgive us for being unprepared.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, we have sometimes ended the day in anger or bitterness: forgive us for being unrepentant.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song

Immanuel, O Immanuel

Bowed in awe I worship at your feet

And sing Immanuel

God is with us

Sharing my humanness, my shame

Feeling my weaknesses, my pain

Taking the punishment, the blame

Immanuel

And now my words cannot explain

All that my heart cannot contain

How great are the glories of your name

Immanuel

Bible Readings

Zephaniah Chapter 3: verse 14 - end

Luke Chapter 3: verses 7 - 18

Talk

What we believe

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

**All: maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

All: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

All: Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**All: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

**All: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All: With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

All: We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All: We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Song (each verse is repeated)

Love came down at Christmas,

Love all lovely, love divine

Love was born at Christmas,

Stars and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,

Love incarnate love divine

Worship we our Jesus,

But wherewith for sacred sign.

Love shall be our token

Love be yours and love be mine

Love to God and all men

Love for plea and gift and sign.

Tune composed by Linda Kitto

Prayers

The Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

Song

Good news, good news to you we bring

Alleluia!

News of great joy that angels sing

Alleluia!

Tender mercy

He has shown us

Joy to all the world

For us God sends his only Son

Alleluia!

Let earth's dark shadows fly away
Alleluia!
In Christ has dawned an endless day
Alleluia!

Now God with us on earth resides
Alleluia!
And heaven's door is open wide
Alleluia!

Closing prayers

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
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The Lord is the strength of my life.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the gifts you give to us;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness
from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he
comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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