



Messenger: November and December 2022



Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth, peace to those on whom his favour rests."

Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Darren, Alison & Ben, Peter & Val Humphreys and family, Martin Eccles, Eileen Lowe, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann & Alan Ascott, Walter Ash, Stephen Murphy, John Burnell & Margaret, David Roughley, Pauline Campbell, Janet McCann, Sue & Ged, Lindsay & Peter, Mei, John & family, Steve & Gill Smith, and Neil & Alison.

November

6th - Jean Taylor / Holy Communion
12th - North West Area Meeting / Brierley Green
13th - Sue Warburton/ Remembrance Service **10.45am start**
20th - Eve Maudsley / Church Meeting following Service
27th - Sam Rigby / Advent Sunday



December

4th - Graham Taylor / Holy Communion
11th - Eve Maudsley / Christingle Service
18th - NO morning service - **4:00pm CAROL SERVICE / John Fry**
25th - Christmas Day Service

Key Rota

6th - Carolyn & John
13th - Sue & Ged
20th - Eve
27th - Eve

November

Flower Rota

6th - J Fry
13th - Eve
20th - Eve
27th - Advent Sunday

December

4th - Carolyn & John
11th - Eve
18th - J Fry
25th - Eve

4th - Christmas
11th - Christmas
18th - Christmas
25th - Christmas

Tea with a Twist

5th November
Ann & Alan

3rd December
Sue & Ged



Dear Friends,

I don't know about you but all the trees by us are shedding their lovely rust coloured leaves on the footpaths and into our small garden! There are just so many. As I sit by the window, I reflect on many things in this past year. Some things make me smile, other things not so. The seemingly endless war in Ukraine, but also the many that have travelled over here to Ireland for safety. There are blue and gold flags outside houses, in shops, along streets, lest we forget.

We are very fortunate that where we live, even though it may be less than perfect, we have never been invaded since 1066! We do not not have to escape bombs and rockets, put all we can into a small case and flee from our home for our lives. We are blessed. Yet life can become too easy sometimes. We can sit back and watch it go by. All the horrors are on the TV for someone else, not us. In the meantime, children in the street might be playing the 'Devil', if they do not get sweets at Halloween.

I was rereading James, who is always full of very good advice. "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him. When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created."

We are truly blessed. We are blessed if we keep His rules and love our Saviour in the love He gives to us. When we go out and brush the never-ending supply of Autumn leaves, why don't we think of each dead leaf as a mistake we may have made, as a person we have forgotten, as broken promises. Let's brush them into a big piles of mistakes and thank the Lord when the time comes, we are not a spent leaf but a small fresh leave coloured by God in His name.

God bless,

Peter

