

Today
9.45am Parish Eucharist with Starfish Gang & Minnows
6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Week ahead

Monday

9.30am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
11.00am Mothers Union Deanery Advent Service –
followed by a light bring & share lunch
3.00pm Healing Prayer Group at 13 Hungerhill Road

Tuesday

9.30am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
3.00pm Area Dean's Visitation
5.00pm Standing Committee meeting

Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion and refreshments
1.30pm Craft group – at Joan's 5 Melrose Cottages
7.45pm Men's Fellowship. Speaker from
'Friends of Ulley Country Park'

Saturday

12 – 3pm CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND FAYRE

Next Sunday

9.45am Christingle
6.00pm Parish Eucharist

General Notices

Whiston Rectory

Items in need of as good home:

Tables, chairs, bookcase etc. Please see list at back of Church and see the Church Wardens to arrange viewing.

Christmas Card Sale

Our Starfish gang are selling Christmas cards from today; they are in packs of 5 with a minimum donation of £3.50 all donations to the heating fund. Please see Sarah or Lucy for more information or if you would like to order.

Christmas Tree Festival and Fayre

Saturday 9th December 12pm – 3pm. This year the theme for the trees will be '**All things bright and beautiful**', We will be having the usual stalls: crafts, cakes, surprise parcels (see surprise bags in the bag room if you can fill one). *Help is required for refreshments via monetary donation towards the purchase of the refreshment items; please see Sandra or Social committee member.*

Posters are now available at the back of Church, please advertise where you can.

Church Heating update

URGENT HELP IN NOW REQUIRED

Fundraising is going quite well but we are still around **£10,000** short of our target of **£40,000**. We need some brilliant ideas for fundraising, with an emphasis on fun. Gifts can be paid into the church account: **Sort Code:- 16-00-07 Account Number:- 15374552**, or popped into the box marked "Heating" in church. If you are a UK tax payer and can gift-aid your donation, we can claim back another 25%, and as they say, every little helps.

Lighthouse Project

Last year, we raised money to enable us to give Christmas gift bags for the men and women at the Lighthouse Project. If you would like to help again this year, there is a box at the back of Church.

Dhoe & Peter

They would like to welcome visitors at their new home or if you wish to contact them please do so, email, telephone or write a letter. Their address, email and phone number are:

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St. Mary Magdalene Whiston Parish Church



3rd December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

9.45 am Parish Eucharist

Hymn 39 Hills of the north rejoice
Hymn 51 The Lord will come and not be slow
Hymn 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

During Communion the choir will sing:

People, look east – Trad.

The truth from above – Vaughan Williams

Hymn 41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

For our Prayers:

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, those on our prayer board and healing list and those whose pain is known only to God.

Please keep in your prayers Rev. Abi Thomson as she prepares for her move to St Albans, Hertfordshire.

We pray for the recently departed and for those in our memorial book whose anniversary occurred this week: Gladys Muriel Drabble, Arthur Gordon Blakey, Margaret Etheridge, Percival Lawford Hearn and Millicent Hoole.

For our Mission Partners at St James, Clifton and St Cuthbert, Herringthorpe.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 9th December – Christmas Tree Festival & Fayre

Sunday 10th December – Christingle Service 9.45am

Thursday 14th December – Natter Group

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Concert

Sunday 17th December – Nine Lessons and Carols 6pm

Sunday 24th December – Crib Service at 5pm

Sunday 24th December – Midnight Communion (11:30pm)

Monday 25th December – Family Communion

Please remember to take this notice sheet home with you as the readings and prayers on the inside can be used throughout the week.



To make best use of the hearing loop system in Church those who use a hearing aid should set their aid to the 'T' setting.

After the service please stay for refreshments.
As a Church we support **Fairtrade**.

