

# *St. John's Church Mosley Common*



*A part of the Astley, Tyldesley &  
Mosley Common Team Ministry*

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## Services

### Church Services

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.30am. Other services are held at various times and various days according to season. Details are given in this magazine.

### The Rowans

There is a regular Holy Communion service in the Rowans Lounge on Lindale Road. For details see the Diary Dates page in this magazine.

### Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

These can be arranged by contacting the Vicar.

## Information

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### Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer requests contact Glennys Worthington on 0161 702 8566 or Nick / Adele Hardman on 01942 888786

### Music

Our Organist is Alan Wood ('phone 0161 790 7544) and the leader of the Music Group is David Barnes ('phone 0161 702 8104)

### World Mission

We support several societies working at home and abroad, especially Stephen and Tabita Bell working with the European Christian Mission in Croatia and Hansi and Kath Jain in India.

### Magazine

This is published every two months throughout the year. The Magazine Secretary is Glennys Worthington ('phone 0161 702 8566) and the Editors are Andrea & Sylvia Taziker ('phone 0161 799 5754). We will deliver a copy to anyone who places a regular order.

## Activities

### Toddler Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Thursdays from 9.30am until 11.30am. The leader is Marcelle Cory.

### Brownies

The 4th Tyldesley Brownies meet in St. John's School on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. For information contact Kathryn Clare ('phone 01925 763799)

### Church Youth Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Sunday evenings, starting at 7pm. For information contact David Kendrick (01942 882854)

### CYPEC

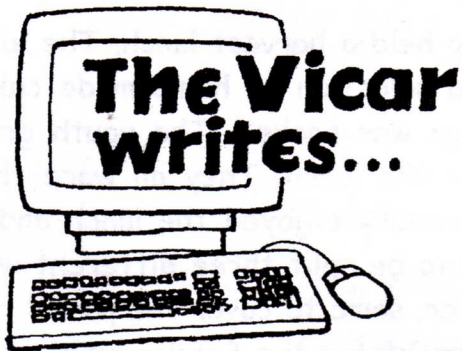
This is the name given to our children's and young people's groups which meet in Church on Sunday mornings.

### Women's Fellowship Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. The Leader is Ann Haigh ('phone 0161 799 6672)

### Fellowship Groups

There are several groups meeting regularly in members' homes and in the Church Lounge for Bible Study, Fellowship and Prayer. For the latest information, contact Mike Stuckey ('phone 0161 357 0155) or Keith Worthington ('phone 0161 702 8566)



## A Journey Of Explanation

I felt a bit like Philip with the Ethiopian Eunuch recently.

The story of that pair is told in the Acts of the Apostles. On his journey the Ethiopian is in his chariot reading from Isaiah. Philip is sent by God to join the Ethiopian on his journey. So there he is, in the chariot, explaining the Scriptures to the Ethiopian and telling him all about Christ. In fact we're told that Philip had good news about Jesus to tell.

Instead of chariot, think white van. I was in one, accompanying a young man on a journey to do a firework display. As we travelled, I was asked questions about things in the Bible, questions about things to do with the church and questions about the Christian faith. It always seems to work out like that when I'm crewing on firework displays! Naturally, I'm always happy to answer and to explain. I'm glad of the opportunity to do so.

It seems to me that what was once just a hobby has become part of what I do - fireworks, that is. So now I'm involved with a national forum on the Internet and, a few times a year, I crew for a professional firework display company. That puts me in a position, in white vans, where I'm a bit like Philip. In the story, the Ethiopian asked to be baptised by Philip. I've not had that bit happen to me. But I have been asked to baptise the children of members of the firework community and they've come to us at St. John's for that. One firework enthusiast also asked me to take his wedding and I travelled down to Dorset for that a while ago.

I'm actually rather pleased that folk have taken well to having a Vicar in their midst, in places where they wouldn't expect to find a Vicar - on journeys in white vans, in wet and muddy fields, out on cold nights working with explosives, entertaining unseen crowds in the dark and doing heavy manual labour as we clear up afterwards! It's good to be in a place, alongside people who aren't church members, where I can answer their questions and explain things they want to know.

As Christmas approaches, I suppose I'll be concentrating on my traditional church duties. But where will you be? Accompanying people on journeys? Alongside people at work? With people enjoying leisure activities? As you find yourself with all these people, sharing part of the journey of life together, will any of them be like the Ethiopian to you? And will you be like Philip to them?

You probably won't be in a chariot and you might not be in a white van. You might not find someone reading from the Scriptures as Philip did with the Ethiopian. But during the Christmas season you will certainly be somewhere with plenty of people who are looking at things that speak of Christ. Will you then, like Philip, take the opportunity of explaining things and of telling them the good news of Jesus?

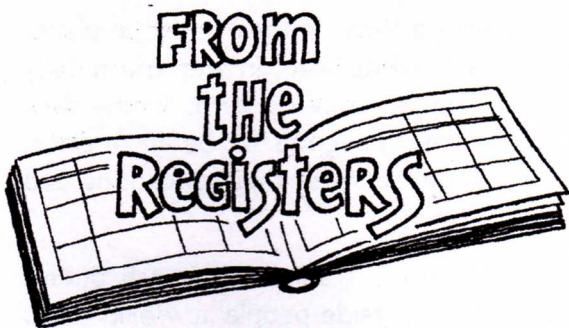
I hope so.

Julian Hartley ~ Vicar

## Youth Group Harvest Lunch

On Sunday 16 October the Sunday night youth group held a harvest lunch. The lunch consisted of home made soups, various bread, and a selection of home made cakes. Tickets were sold and on the day the church lounge was packed. The youth group worked really hard setting tables and preparing for the lunch. They all wore their aprons and waited on tables taking orders. Everyone really enjoyed the lunch and an amazing £139 was raised! The money raised is going to be split three different ways some for Barnabus the homeless project in Manchester, some to cover the postal cost of the Christmas shoe boxes and some for new equipment for the Sunday night youth group. There was also a competition to see how many words could be made from the word vegetable! We could not believe the response and the competitive spirit but unfortunately one table had to be disqualified for using a mobile phone! The true winners Peter and Diane Leakey and Joan and Neville Owen each received a box of chocolates, the disqualified team got the booby prize, a prickly pear, each ! When presented with these ugly fruits they were not quite sure what they were so they were instructed to research it on their mobile phones to find out! Just deserts! Many thanks to all who supported the event and made it a great success.

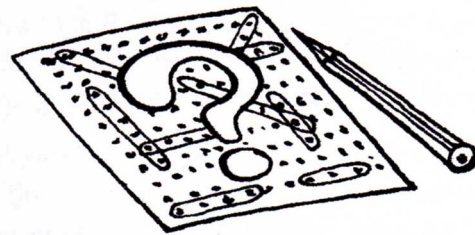
Janette Lee-Taylor on behalf of the Youth Group



### **Funerals**

September 28th  
Kenneth Pattyson, aged 78

November 7th  
Norma Poole, aged 81



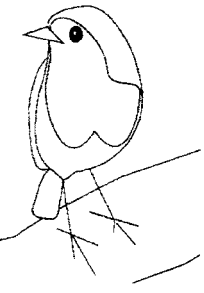
### **Word Search Solution**

#### **Christmas**

(Solution - Level 5)

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# *T'is the season to be jolly!!*



Christmas is coming and it's coming fast  
But when it arrives it just doesn't last.  
All the hurry, all the rush, all the crowds  
That push and push.

Nowhere to park, ride round and round  
It's dark and there isn't a space to be found.  
I tried shopping early with my lists and my bags  
I shopped till I dropped – even remembered Christmas tags.

I've planned the tree and the outdoor lights  
I've stocked up on bird seed to avoid any fights!  
My daughter is doing Christmas this year  
She lives just across from me.  
I'll have them here on Boxing Day  
For a lovely afternoon tea.

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
And a happy, healthy New Year*

*Keep Christ in your Christmas and all will be well.*

*Margaret Howarth*

And now a few words about Jean Kendrick, David's wife .....our best wishes go to Jean who on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 a.m. retired after having spent 40 years first at Leigh Infirmary and then Wigan Infirmary doing what must be one of the most rewarding, sometimes unpleasant, upsetting, very satisfactory, tiring and trying job - A NURSE . There are a many, many special attributes needed for this wonderful vocation. Although I have never had Jean nurse me (I think she spent most of her career on the men's wards !!) but I know personally that she is a very gentle person, quiet, unassuming, pleasant, easy to talk to, ready to listen, and, importantly, kind. Everyone who has been under her care speaks well of her and has nothing but praise.

Well Jean, we hope that now you can have an enjoyable rest (just think no extra night shifts), maybe a cruise or two!!? Please don't worry about having nothing to do, remember we are here waiting.



This year has seen the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible- there have been various celebrations locally and in the Cathedral.

William Tyndale's work was significant in forming the basis of the King James Bible of 1611, but his translations cost him his life. He was burned at the stake in 1536.

The Puritans were concerned that people should know and understand the Bible.

Revd Professor Alistair McGrath in his address in the Cathedral spoke of the Bible being for illumination and encountering God.

How about us? Are we concerned about knowing and understanding the Bible? Do we want to encounter God? How important is the Bible to us?

There are a number of Bible Reading notes produced by Scripture Union and CWR which have a passage for each day and explanatory notes. If you would like to order copies of the notes or have some back copies to try, please contact Diane Leakey on 0161 703 8076.

MOSLEY COMMON COMMUNITY  
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# CAROLS ON THE COMMON

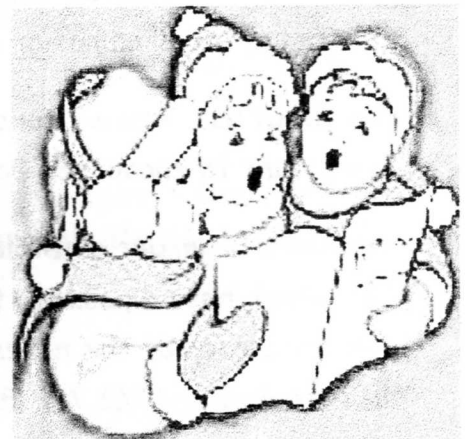
(around the Pit Wheel)

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

With Boothstown and Ellenbrook Band and the  
St.John's and Holy Family Children's Schools  
Choirs.

Mulled wine and mince pies in  
St.John's School afterwards.

(If the weather is very bad the event  
will be held in St.John's School)



*Jim and Jean Baker*

## *Our Favourite Carol*

*Silent night, holy night*

*All is calm, all is bright*

*Round yon Virgin Mother and Child*

*Holy Infant so tender and mild*

*Sleep in heavenly peace*

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Over the past years Jim Baker has been the person who single-handedly put the huge Church Christmas tree up. This was when we had a real tree so as you will realise it was no simple task for a six foot man but Jim always courageously did it all on his own and always seemed to thoroughly enjoy doing it! He also puts the fairy lights on the tree ready for us to decorate and always sees to it that the tree decorations are taken off and put away safely after Christmas. Jim always keeps us informed as to when the tree will be ready for us to do 'our bit'! We thought it most fitting that we should ask Jean and Jim to tell us what their favourite carol was and they chose the beautiful "Silent Night". I am sure that this would be a popular choice for most of us, it holds different and diverse memories for lots of people. Most of us have known it for almost all our life. We learned it at school, and some of us can even sing it in French, well bits of it! And the wonderful melody will stay with us all for ever.

Jean and Jim were quite happy to choose the carol but they didn't want to do the actual writing so we promised them that we would try our best to remember all they told us about it and why it means so much to them.

They told us how Christmas was very special to them. Jeans' dad died on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2000 and that year they bought a beautiful star for the top of our tree in his memory and when Jean looks at our tree at Christmas time she will always think "that's my Dad". For Jean's Dad Christmas was the tree and Jean told us that when she and her brothers were small her dad always saved up and bought the decorations and the tree for Christmas, something he had always done from being much younger, even in his days in the Boys' Brigade and that some years he even gave up smoking so that he could afford to buy the tree! When all the decorations and the tree had been put up on Christmas Eve Jean will always remember the silence and calm that followed and this hymn represents that quietness to her. All his life Jean's Dad always loved Christmas so much and consequently so do they. No wonder Jim delighted in putting the tree up, we can quite understand it now.

Jim told us that when he had done a delivery he would pull up in the countryside somewhere away from all the noise of the traffic and sit for a while in his lorry and listen to the silence and in doing so feel a peace and a closeness to God and it is this that their chosen carol encompasses.

Silent Night to both Jean and Jim always means quietness and peace. Whenever and wherever they hear it they are both impressed by the utter feeling of stillness that surrounds them.



# Christmas

Christmas is a great time of joy and celebration, but what is it really about?

It's about the birth of **Jesus** - the greatest man who has ever lived.

Jesus was born in a **stable** in a little town called **Bethlehem**. It was obvious he was special because a **star** led **wise men** from the east to **worship** Jesus and bring him gifts. Shepherds also went to worship Jesus, as an **angel** had told them to.

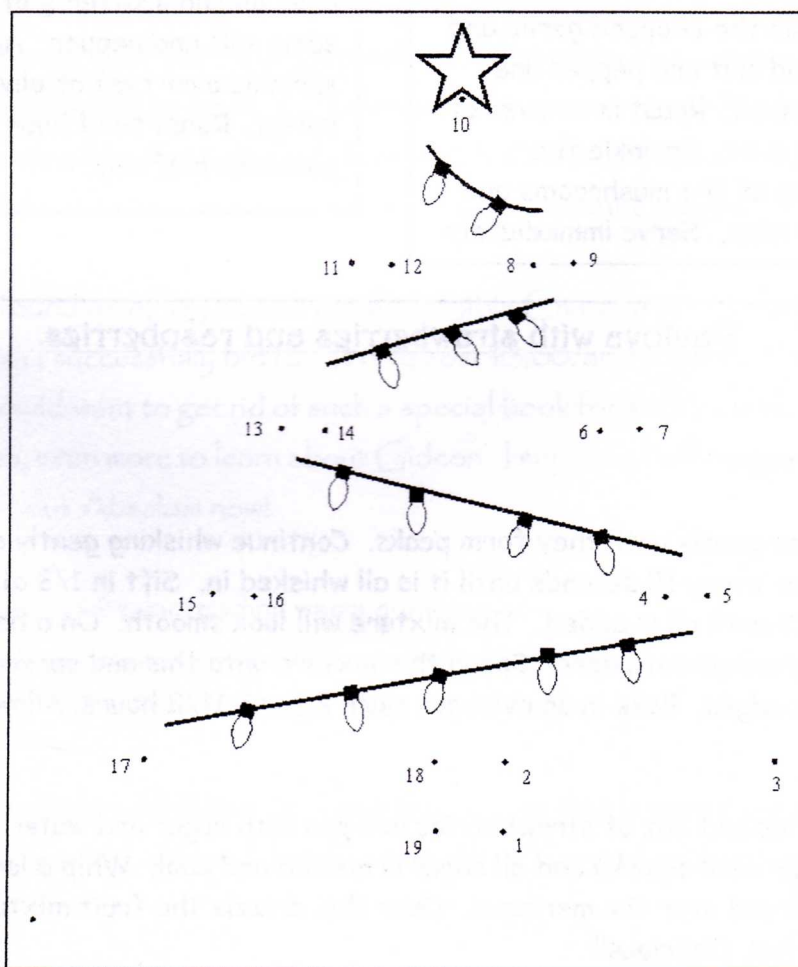
The wise men brought gifts of **gold**, **frankincense** and **myrrh**.

See if you can find these gifts - and other words from the real story of Christmas in this word search.



St.John's - now on the web! After a number of months of planning and work St.John's now has its own web site. [www.mosleycommonchurch.org.uk](http://www.mosleycommonchurch.org.uk) Although there is still more information to be added in the coming months the church web site is now up and running and will help keep you up to date with what is going on here at St John's. There is a calendar which is updated on a regular basis with details of services and events along with special activities. There are also pages covering our vision, house groups, the prayer chain, mission, the team, photographs of events and links to other web sites of interest. We have now got a copy of the parish magazine on there and past editions will be available as time goes on. We can also provide members with email addresses. Please come along and visit our site. We welcome your feedback and look forward to adding more articles of interest as time goes on. If you have any information you want adding to the site and calendar please contact [Nickh@mosleycommonchurch.org.uk](mailto:Nickh@mosleycommonchurch.org.uk)

## Children's Christmas Dot to Dot



# THE FOOD PAGE

Once again the Christmas season is upon us - although I think I saw some Christmas decorations in the shops in August! - and the usual rush of cake making for the Christmas Fair!! Somehow it does seem like the Festive Season until I've made about 15 Christmas Cakes and enjoyed all the hustle and bustle of the Fair! I have found a few new recipes for cakes that I am going to try out, a rather yummy sounding coconut cake and 2 new chocolate cupcake recipes! If they work you will find them here in the following months! Hope you enjoy the following suggestions, the mushrooms make a great starter, I love Rosemary potatoes and a Pavlova is a wonderful light desert after all the Christmas pud!

Andrea Taziker

## Roasted mushrooms and bacon

8 Portobello mushrooms  
4 garlic cloves chopped  
10 mini tomatoes on the vine  
4 slices of streaky bacon chopped  
Olive oil  
3 sprigs of rosemary

In a roasting tray place the mushrooms and tomatoes and sprinkle the chopped garlic and rosemary sprigs. Add salt and pepper and drizzle well with olive oil. Roast in an oven at gas mark 3-4 for 10 mins. Sprinkle the chopped bacon on top of the mushrooms and cook for another 10 mins. Serve immediately.

## Rosemary small jacket potatoes

Baby new potatoes  
6 sprigs of rosemary  
Olive oil  
Salt and pepper

Boil potatoes in their skins for 10 mins and drain and dry. In a roasting dish sprinkle olive oil and scatter  $\frac{1}{2}$  of rosemary sprigs and some salt and pepper. Add the potatoes and sprinkle over rest of olive oil and rosemary sprigs. Roast for 1 hour stirring the potatoes half way.

## Pavlova with strawberries and raspberries

### Meringue

8 egg whites  
230g golden caster sugar  
230g icing sugar

Whisk the egg whites gently until they form peaks. Continue whisking gently adding a desert spoon of castor sugar every 10 seconds until it is all whisked in. Sift in  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the icing sugar and gently fold in, repeat until all is added. The mixture will look smooth. On a baking tray cut a 20cm diameter circle of greaseproof paper. Spoon the mixture onto this and spread out, level the centre and peak the edges. Bake in an oven gas mark 2 for 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Allow to cool in oven with door open.

### To serve

Put 2oz of raspberries and 2oz of strawberries in a pan with sugar and water or if you have it fruit liqueur. Simmer until squishy and all sugar is melted and cool. Whip a large container of double cream and spread over the meringue. Over this drizzle the fruit mixture and decorate with extra raspberries. Delicious!!

# The PCC Secretary's Notebook

Some time ago, I was walking along a corridor in my local Infirmary when I saw a large wooden crate full of books. Amongst them was a beautiful Gideon Bible. I pointed this out to the porter hoping it had been put there by mistake. I was told that all the books were to be incinerated due to germ infestation regulations. I asked could I have it, germs or no germs, and he said to help myself. I have referred to this Bible a lot, as in the front it has various help references to particular sections of the Bible although it covers only the New Testament. I have since wondered about Gideon and why God chose him to save the Israelites. I have read about him in the Old Testament but for some reason I just wanted to know more about him.

Moving on to a few weeks ago when Diane had her table in the lounge with various help books, I was immediately drawn to a book entitled "Day by Day with God". This book was a daily page read covering the months September to December. The day after I was browsing through it and thought I would start with the reading for that day which happened to be the 26th September. That particular day was also the start of a new section of the book. Unbelievably, the section started with "Over the next two weeks we will look at Gideon". I couldn't believe it! A coincidence? I don't believe so. I had been given two whole weeks of pages about Gideon!

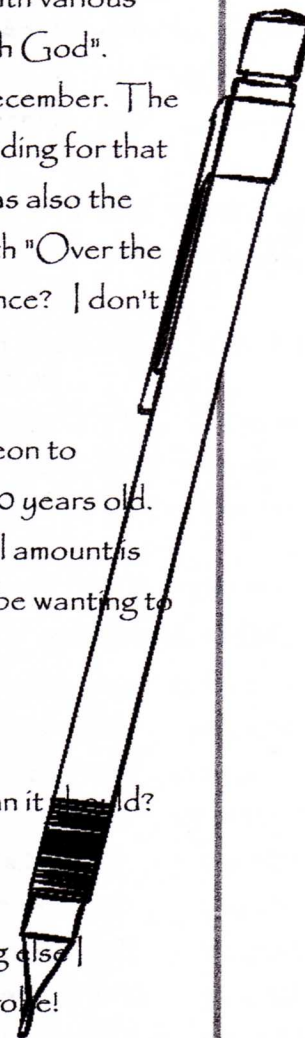
I also recently found on eBay a book entitled "Bible Characters - Gideon to Absalom", which I successfully bid for. It only cost £3.00. and is over 100 years old. Why anyone would want to get rid of such a special book for such a small amount is beyond me. So, even more to learn about Gideon. I suppose I will also be wanting to find out more about Absalom now!

At the end of the particular reading was a question:-

"Is there anything in your life that is taking up more room than it should?  
It will drive out a lot of goodness in your life."

I have been intending to de-clutter for some time now so that is something else I suppose I will have to do, although I realise it wasn't referring to my wardrobe!

Mavis - PCC Secretary



# Sunday Rotas

These rotas are for our usual Sunday morning services at 10.30am.

Volunteers are requested for services at other times of the day and on other days of the week.

## Sidesperson's Rota

December	4th	Jean & David Kendrick
December	11th	Sylvia & Andrea Taziker
December	18th	Ann Hilton & Ellen Fenwick
December	25th	Lilian & Graham Ridge
January	1st	Marjorie Owen & Janet Lee Taylor
January	8th	Eddie & Joan Taylor
January	15th	Sybil Hall, Edna Edwards & Betty Hartley
January	22nd	Ann Haigh & Mavis Wright
January	29th	Betty Jones & Marian Blundell
February	5th	Jean & David Kendrick

## Coffee Rota

December	4th	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton
December	11th	Betty Hartley & Carol Priestly
December	18th	Christine Barnes & Marie Stuckey
December	25th	Ellen Fenwick & Diane Leakey
January	1st	Sandra Phillips & Karen Lawson
January	8th	Jean Bayliss & Annette Hewittson
January	15th	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton
January	22nd	Betty Hartley & Carole Priestly
January	29th	Christine Barnes & Marie Stuckey
February	5th	Ellen Fenwick & Diane Leakey

## Bible Readers

December	4th	Pam Hartley
December	11th	Vic/Gladys Jackson
December	18th	Betty Jones
December	25th	Carole Priestly
January	1st	Mike/Marie Stuckey
January	8th	Keith/Glennys Worthington
January	15th	Peter Leakey
January	22nd	Jim Baker
January	29th	David Barnes
February	5th	Ann Haigh

## Intercessions

December	4th	Nick & Adele Hardman
December	11th	Margaret Howarth
December	18th	Sunday School
December	25th	Vic Jackson
January	1st	David Kendrick
January	8th	Mike & Marie Stuckey
January	15th	Sue Bloor
January	22nd	Ann Haigh
January	29th	Nick & Adele Hardman
February	5th	Margaret Howarth

## Flowers

December	4th	Maureen Knox & David Tong in memory of Connie & Percy Tong
December	11th	Vacant
December	18th	Mavis & Joan in memory of their parents
December	25th	Marjorie Owen
January	1st	Carole Priestly in memory of her parents
January	8th	Betty Hartley in memory of her mother.
January	15th	Ann Hilton in memory of Roy
January	22nd	Vacant
January	29th	Ruth Valentine & Jean Mills
February	5th	Ann Hilton in memory of Roy and Ida

## Lay Assistants

December	4th	Jim Baker & Ann Haigh
December	25th	David Barnes & Mike Stuckey
January	1st	Christine Barnes & Vic Jackson
January	15th	Nick Hardman Peter Leakey
February	5th	Marie Stuckey & David Kendrick



### **Women's Fellowship**

The Women's Fellowship meets on these Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Church Lounge unless otherwise stated:-

December 7th Christmas Craft

December 14th Christmas Story

Women's Fellowship will then close until the beginning of February

### **Monday Fellowship**

The Monday Fellowship will be attending the monthly Communion Service at the Rowans until further notice.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Group**

The Wednesday Afternoon Group will meet at 2.15pm in the Church Lounge on:-

December 7th

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

January 18<sup>th</sup> Compline at 7.30pm  
Wednesday in St. John's Church

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Service at 6.00pm,  
Sunday, in Boothstown Methodist Church with the Bishop of Bolton as a guest preacher.

### **Magazine Deadline**

Material for the February/March edition of St. John's magazine must reach Andrea & Sylvia Taziker by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### **Services At St. John's**

#### **December 4th**

10.30 am Holy Communion

#### **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Morning Worship

#### **December 18th**

10.30 am Nativity Service

6.30 pm Carol Service

#### **Christmas Eve**

11.30 pm Holy Communion

#### **Christmas Day**

10.30 am Family Holy Communion

#### **January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10.30 am Holy Communion

#### **January 8<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Morning Worship

#### **January 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Holy Communion

#### **January 18<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 pm Compline

#### **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.30 am Baptism Service

#### **January 29<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Family Service

#### **February 5<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Holy Communion

### **Churches Together In Boothstown Service**

#### **Carols at the Standfield Centre**

5.00 pm December 11th

### **Services At The Rowans**

A Holy Communion service will take place in the Rowans at 1.45pm on:-

December 19th

January 9th