

Dear Friends

I was drawn to the opening words of the morning Liturgy in our little orange book 'Among the poor; among the proud, among the persecuted among the privileged CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW'. As we are heading towards Advent it seems a very poignant message for us.

That wherever we find ourselves, Christ is coming to make all things new. In Advent we are preparing our hearts and lives for the birth of Jesus. For some the preparations will be joyful but as with any new birth there can be anxious moments: This new birth, more than any, is life-changing, world-changing – the coming of the light, not just any light but the light that gives us life, but also the light in which nothing can hide.

Although we have just gone through some pretty dark times, that light in which nothing can hide, has found a way through and is glowing at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel and now there is an invitation into the real promise of new beginnings.

It has taken a lot of hard and dedicated work to reach where we are today and I am so very grateful to all involved. From an Unexpected Ambush to a Dedicated Recovery which is now in progress. Along the way we have met some wonderful people who have come to walk with us along a difficult and often painful path, to talk with us with wise words and ways forward.

There are more to come, people with Christ on their hearts who want our work to continue and grow here in Sheerness.

If it is your practice to light a candle during Advent then please add a little prayer. Pray for his presence, his insight and his vision for Church and Centre and Coffee Shop at Hope Street. As we gather together as a community let us welcome Christ who comes to make all things new, may we embrace those he wants us to in the newness of his call to each of us.

Blessings



Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

NOVEMBER 2022



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*



Sunday 6th November

Morning Service 10:30am

Stephen Morgan

Tuesday 8th November

Prayer & Care 9:30am-10:00am **All welcome**

Coffee Morning 10:00am-11:30am

Church

Alec Stride Hall



Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

Tuesday 15th November

Prayer & Care 9:15am – 9:45am **All welcome**

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Church

Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 20th November

Morning Service 10:30am

Rev Andy Twilley

Tuesday 22nd November

Prayer & Care 9:15am – 9:45am **All welcome**

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Church

Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 27th November

Morning Service 10:30am

CTiS Advent Service 6:30pm

Lynne le Masonry

Shared

Tuesday 29th November

Prayer & Care 9:15am – 9:45am **All welcome**

Coffee Morning 10:00am-11:30am

Church

Alec Stride Hall

Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for donating 15 filled shoeboxes and £70 in cash donations

BIRTHDAYS

1st November

Heather M

10th December

Diana

7th November

Maureen

27th December

Brian

11th November

Marilyn

28th December

Stephen

Sadly Joyce McGrath passed away a few days ago. She would have been 103 on 8th November

MESSAGES

Fred would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards sent to him on his birthday. He had a lovely day.

Dates for your Diary

Taketime is a series of relaxing guided meditations based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

Taketime Together taketime is now meeting on Fridays, 11:15am in Church
Please speak to Margaret for more information

Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1st 3rd and any 5th Thursdays in the month.
Please contact Janet for more information.

Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

Thank you for donating food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries for the food bank and the Community Bus.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Friday 2nd December 9:30am – 11:00am In the Alec Stride Hall
Refreshments – Raffle – Tombola – Bottle Stall – Bric-a-Brac etc, etc
ALL WELCOME



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



DEMENTIA CAROL SERVICE Thursday 15th December 2:00pm
CHRISTINGLE Saturday 17th December 2:00pm
CHURCH CAROL SERVICE Sunday 18th December 6:30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE Sunday 25th December 10:00am

NEXT CHURCH MEETING

Monday 16th January 2023 at 2:00pm in the Church
You are all invited to this meeting.

Notices for December should be available from Sunday 27th November
Please let me know if you would like something included. Heather

