Sunday 2 December - 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion with Cornerstone Club at St Leonard's

11.00am Holy Communion at St Margaret's

12.45pm Holy Baptism at St Leonard's

5.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Leonard's

6.30pm Foundations at St Leonard's

Monday 3 December 2018

6.30pm Rainbows and Guides at St Margaret's Church

6.30pm Brownies in Hapton School

7.30pm Bellringing Practice in St Leonard's tower

Tuesday 4 December 2018

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Waddilove Room

9.15am Little Lennies at St Leonard's7.30pm Bible Study at the Vicarage

Wednesday 5 December 2018

9.15am Busy Bees at St Margaret's

10.00am Holy Communion at St Leonard's
2.00pm Handbell ringing in the Green Room

5.00pm Compline by Candlelight at St Leonard's

6.15pm Choir Practice at St Leonard's

7.30pm Mothers' Union Christmas Dine at Mytton Fold Hotel

Thursday 6 December 2018

9.15am Little Lennies at St Leonard's2.00pm Tea at Two at St Leonard's6.30pm Brownies at St Leonard's

7.30pm Guides and Rangers at St Leonard's

Friday 7 December 2018

9.00am Ladies' Bible Study in the Green Room2.00am Carol Singing at Wordsworth House

Next Sunday 9 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion with Cornerstone Club at St Leonard's

11.00am Holy Communion at St Margaret's

2.30pm Carol Singing at Woodside5.30pm Lord's Supper at St Leonard's6.30pm Rock Solid at St Leonard's



Weekly
News Sheet
Sunday
2 December 2018

Welcome to St Leonard's and St Margaret's Churches on Advent Sunday

Throughout Advent we'll be exploring the seven titles used of the coming Messiah in the hymn, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel.' As well being called Emmanuel he is Lord of might, Rod of Jesse, Morning Star, Key of David, Desire of nations and Wisdom. This morning we begin with Wisdom and Lord of might will be the theme this evening at the Advent Carol Service. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after each of our services. Children's groups are held after the first part of the morning services as usual. If you have a baby or toddler who becomes restless in the service, please consider others by using the crèche facilities at the back of church.

Contact numbers in the Parish

Vicar – Canon Mark Jones – 772442 Curate – Rev Michael Print – 774465 Ministry Assistant – Kit Walker – 07944 258477

Diocesan Reader – Lynne Trudgill – 776166

Today's Readings:

St Leonard's:

First Reading – Isaiah 10:5-19 on page 695 of the church Bibles (page 1030 in the large print Bibles)

This Morning's Hymns:

86 Come and see the shining hope

125 Faithful vigil ended465 Meekness and majesty

424 Lo! He comes with clouds

Text for 2018

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." (Matthew 6:24)

Gospel Reading – Matthew 12:38-42 on *page* 978 of the church Bibles (*page* 1488 in the large print Bibles)

St Margaret's:

438(HON) Make way, make way **157(HON)** Faithful vigil ended **448(HON)** Meekness and majesty **110(HON)** Come and see the shining

The congregation remain seated in silence as the choir and ministers enter.

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

O Wisdom, coming forth from the Most High, filling all creation with light and reigning to the ends of the earth: come and teach us the way of salvation.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

An anthem is sung by the choir (422 Light has dawned v1)

(Sung after the sermon)

O come, thou Wisdom from on high Who madest all in earth and sky, Creating man from dust and clay: To us reveal salvation's way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Advent Series

Sun 2nd at 9.30am & 11am **'O come Wisdom'**Sun 2nd at 5.30pm **'O come Lord of might'**Wed 5th at 10am & 5pm, Sun 9th at 5.30pm **'O come Root of Jesse'**Sun 9th at 9.30am & 11am **'O come Key of David'**Wed 12th at 10am & 5pm, Sun 16th at 5.30pm **'O come Morning Star'**Sun 16th at 9.30am & 11am **'O come King of the Nations'**Wed 19th at 10am & 5pm, Sun 23rd at 11am **'O come Emmanuel'**

For use on Wednesday 5thDecember:

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer:

Come and deliver us and delay no longer.

Compline by Candlelight Every Wednesday in Advent at St Leonard's at 5pm

Forthcoming Bible Studies

Monday 3rd December at 7.15pm at 14 Bendwood Close Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm at the Vicarage Wednesday 5th December at 2pm at 2 Woodlands Grove Friday 7thDecember (Ladies) at 9am in the Green Room

The Funeral of **Mrs Joan Lord** will be held at St Leonard's church on **Tuesday 11**th **December** at **11.30am** followed by a burial in the graveyard.

Carol Singing. We have arranged to visit Woodside Home For The Elderley, Padiham on *Sunday 9th December* at 2.30pm. We were made very welcome last year and it was lovely to have a good number of St Leonard's congregation join us. Please feel free to come along to bring the true meaning of Christmas to the residents and staff at Woodside.

Padiham Parish Pens Looking for that perfect stocking filler for a loved one? Yes, they're back in time for Christmas – The Padiham Parish Pen. Good quality pens available in an assortment of colours with the names of both churches on the barrel. **Price: £1**.

<u>Christmas at St Leonard's Church</u> <u>Sunday 23rd December</u>

9.30am Christmas Service with Nativity Play 5.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service
11.00pm Holy Communion by Candlelight with Carols

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion (children are invited to bring a present to show everyone)

St Margaret's

St Margaret's Christmas Fair. A huge thanks to all who helped with or supported our Christmas Fair and particularly the Glee Club of Hapton School, who entertained us with Christmas songs. **Over £700** was raised for church funds.

Monthly Family Service, Breakfast and Ice Cream Sunday at St Margaret's These will continue in the New Year and be held on 6th Jan, 3rd Feb, 3rd March and 31st March (Mothering Sunday)

<u>Christmas at St Margaret's</u> <u>Sunday 23rd December</u>

4.00pm Carol Service with Nativity

Christmas Day

11.00am Holy Communion (children are invited to bring a present to show everyone)