



The Parishes of Hannington, Old, Scaldwell and Walgrave

This is the Third Sunday of Advent - 17th December 2017

You are invited to use this Collect as a prayer during the week

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Today's Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-
end God promises to his people a joyful restoration and a time of prosperity and peace.

The Magnificat or In Mary's prayer or praise to her Saviour, she recognises
Song of Mary God's faithfulness to His covenant to Abraham and Israel
(Luke 1:46b-55) and his mercy in choosing her.

1 Thessalonians We have the advice of the apostle Paul to 'Rejoice
5:16-24 always, and to pray without ceasing' so that we are
ready for the coming of the Lord.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28 We are reminded again that John the Baptist has been
sent by God to prepare his people, and here he speaks
about the one who is to come, and why he is baptising
with water, in readiness for the one who will baptise
with the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

We pray for families as they prepare for Christmas and for teachers as they continue to educate and enjoy the children in their care. .

We pray for those attending services and bringing children for Baptism, especially for the parents of cousins James and Elizabeth.

We continue to pray for those who are sick and those who are caring for loved ones. We remember those who are unable to venture from their homes. Help us to remember all those in need and the elderly in our parishes.

We give thanks for those who were married in our parishes and those preparing to be married, especially Richard Afford and Julie Marks. We pray for all married couples that they will continue to show love to one another and know God's abiding love.

Services and Events for this Coming Week

Date	Time	What	Where
Monday 18th December	1.30pm	Walgrave School Nativity Play	St Peter's Church Walgrave
Thursday 21st December	11.00am	Coffee Morning	Community Centre Old
Sunday 24th December	10.00am	Crib Service	Walgrave
	4.00pm	Carol Service	Scaldwell
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Old
	11.00pm	Midnight Communion	Hannington
Monday 25th December	10.00am	Christmas Family Service with Communion for everyone	Walgrave

Praying you will all have a wonderful peaceful and blessed Christmas with your families and friends

For a visit from a Lay Pastoral Minister, please call Judith Willis on 01536 791008 or Gill Hewer on 01604 781152.

For a visit or to speak to Canon Káren, please call on 01604 781974.