

Extra Notices for Sunday 25th November

Advent Children's afternoon tea party

2nd December

A Children's tea party will be held on 2nd December 2:30-4pm. Please put it in your diary and join us at Wanlip Hall for fun, food, stories and surprises! All ages welcome. I am looking for volunteers to make some party food for the children's advent party on the 2nd Dec. We are going to offer fairy cakes, sandwiches (fillings to be decided) mini sausage rolls, fresh veg sticks etc. and jelly, and, most importantly, star shaped biscuits for the children to decorate. I shall make the jellies up in the hall the previous afternoon so that they can set in the fridge but if you feel you can help with any of the other items I would be extremely grateful. We don't have numbers yet but I will share that info as and when I have it. For more details please speak to Debbie Shephard.

Watermead Court & Cedar Mews Carol

12th & 19th December

Watermead Court has its Carol Service on Wednesday 12th December at 10.30 am
Cedar Mews has its Carol Service on Wednesday 19th December at 3.00 pm. We would value your support if you are available on either or both occasions. For Watermead Court, please contact Gill Pope. For Cedar Mews, please contact me. Kerry.

Marion Tegg

Dear Friends. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have sent me cards and good wishes after I was diagnosed with cancer in April. Even more, I want to say thanks for all the prayers – I know it is prayer support which has brought me through these six months. I went for a CT scan on completion of my treatment and saw the oncologist this week. He was very pleased with the result and there are currently no tumours showing on either my oesophagus or on my liver which is absolutely remarkable. PRAISE GOD. Once again, I am so grateful to you all. With my love in Christ. Marion

Shoebox Appeal 2018

Thanks to the generous response to the appeal, we were able to send 41 boxes this year. This was excellent and the donation of items worked particularly well. When we receive the information of the distribution, we will let you know. *Sylvia Simes & Doreen Wilson*

Shaped Magazine

The autumn editions of the Diocese of Leicester Shaped magazine are available at the back of church.

Lost property

There are various items that have been left in St James after services. Please check the wicker basket under the table with the pigeon holes on, to see if any of them belong to you.

Recycling Printer Cartridges and Mobile Phones

There is a box at the back of church for your used ink cartridges & mobile phones.

'Down memory lane' Afternoon Teas

8th December

At Birstall Methodist Coffee Shop, bi-monthly 2.30-4 pm. If you are or someone close to you is experiencing some loss of memory, or are feeling isolated or lonely ... join us for a drink, music, cakes, a sing-a-long, some entertainment and always a chance to have a chat. If family members or friends would like to come with you, they will be very welcome. To find out more, please contact Janet 0116 2671471

Prayer Team

Please approach anyone wearing a Prayer Team badge at any time if you would like prayer. Two people will be available at the front left of the main church during the Communion at the 10am service, but we would love to pray with you at any time. Contact Kerry Emmett (3194736) for further information.

Sunday Mornings at Cedar Mews

Residents of Cedar Mews come from a large number of different areas. A good number attended their local churches before coming to Cedar Mews. They would like to attend a service now. Su O'Neill who co-ordinates activities for the residents can't take the minibus to lots of different churches on a Sunday morning, so she has started a weekly Songs of Praise at the home. She is doing this single-handed, so I am looking to start a rota from January to give her some help. She is having to use canned music as she has no musicians. If you would like to help in any way with this, please let me know. Kerry.

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please contact Doreen Wilson on 2674680 or Gill Pope on 2675086. This will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes@talktalk.net (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

Items for Information Sheet

To ensure all events, meetings etc. are advertised in the Information Sheet, please send details to either the church office at stjames.birstall@btconnect.com, or telephone 2671797 (you can leave a message if no one is there), or email it direct to me at sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or you can leave a note next to the computer in the office. Please note that you have until **11am** on the **Friday** to get your items included in that week's news sheet.