



Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:42

Minister: Rev Gordon Morton - 472488

Sunday 2nd December - 1st Sunday in Advent

- 10.00 a.m. Prayer in the Prayer Room
- 10.45 a.m. Rev Gordon Morton - Gift Service and Guide and Brownie Parade
- 6.00 p.m. Mr David Humphreys

Tuesday, 4th December

- 9.30 a.m. Mums and Toddlers
- 2.30 p.m. Fellowship at 6 Cotterhill Lane

Wednesday, 5th December

- 10.00 a.m. Fellowship at 6 Cotterhill Lane

Thursday, 6th December

- 2.00 p.m. Choir Practice
- 5.30 p.m. Brownies and Guides

Saturday, 8th December

- 6.00 p.m. Church Christmas Party with faith supper, games and quiz - hope you'll be there!

Sunday, 9th December

- 10.00 a.m. Prayer in the Prayer Room
- 10.45 a.m. Mr Eric Vaughan
- 6.00 p.m. Mr Eric Robertson
- 7.00 p.m. Short rehearsal for Circuit Carol Service

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Jeff Thompson will be at 12 noon on Friday, 7th December at Hall Road.

Many thanks to all those who have worked hard in various ways recently:-

- ... **The Body Shop Party** raised £86.10 for WaterAid.
- ... **The sale of sweet williams** raised £12.50 for Church Funds.
- ... **121 shoe boxes for the Samaritans Purse Appeal** have been collected, 65 of these from our own Church.
- ... **The Trailblazers Party** was a great success attended by almost 70 people.

Carol Singing

Wednesday 12 December at 7.00 p.m. - Circuit Carols at Staveley (see note below)

Friday 14th December at 7.00 p.m. at the Red House Residential Home

Monday, 17th December at 7.00 p.m. - Carols round the Village Tree (opposite St Michael's Church)

Thursday, 20th December at 6.30 p.m. - Carol Singing at the Spinney Residential Home

If you need a lift or directions to any of the venues please ask one of the stewards.

All the churches in the Circuit are invited to contribute to the Circuit Carol Service and we have indicated that we will sing the carol "While shepherds watched their flocks" to the tune "Sweet chiming Christmas bells". Everyone in our congregation is warmly welcome to join us in singing this carol. There will be a short rehearsal after evening service on 9th December, and we hope you can join us then, otherwise at the service. Alan.

Church Family Weekend, 29th February - 2nd March, 2008. There will be a planning meeting with **Captain Philip Clark**, who is leading our Weekend, on **Tuesday, 8th January**. This meeting is open to anyone.

Monday, 3rd December at Duckmanton Methodist Church an evening with the Stone Broom Methodist Male Voice Choir - more details on Notice Board.

You are invited to a **Body Shop Party** in aid of **Smiles** on, **Thursday 6th December**, 7.30 p.m. at 43 Station Road. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall. Glenys & Margaret

Friday, 7th December at 7.30 p.m. in Brimington Parish Church - Chris's Water presents "**Christmas is Coming**" by the Elysian Singers. Tickets £4.00

The Smiles Advent Calendar - a fun way of raising money for Smiles. Each day during Advent the calendar gives a way of giving small amounts - for example on the 5th "At night the children may not be able to switch on an electric lamp or light. Give 1p for every light switch in your home". Each calendar costs a £1.00 (together with a container to collect your money). Calendars available from Maureen.

Alternative Christmas Cards - all proceeds for various items from Water Aid. See white board in entrance for details. Your help is needed so that people around the world can at least have clean water available. Many thanks

Owing to circumstances beyond our request the Covenant Service with rededicatory prayers for Pastoral Visitors will take place on the **evening** of 13th January, 2008.

The Flower Rota for 2008 is on the notice board. I would like to thank all those who give money towards the flowers, also all the arrangers. There is just one week that needs filling in. If you wish to give for flowers please see Jenny.

HOPE 08 - our first initiative in this year long countryside mission will be Prayer Groups on New Year's Eve to pray for the venture and see in the New Year- more details later.

Church Family News

Congratulations to Jacqui and Justin on the safe arrival of Jessica, a granddaughter for Terry and Tony.

From last week's Prayer Book

- John ill at home
- Elizabeth and Shaun after the death of Elizabeth's brother
- Kevin Laming who had a hospital appointment last Wednesday afternoon
- Audrey Baxter not well at home

Please pray this week for Christians who are suffering in Brunei.

Welcome to our Services today!

If you have a concern for anyone may we ask you to put their name in the prayer book in the vestibule and we will remember them in our prayers.

If you are a visitor we hope you will enjoy your stay in the area. If you are a resident may we invite you to give us your name and address. You are also invited to join in any of the other services and fellowship groups. Any children who are visiting are welcome to join in the Sunday Club.

The Prayer Room (through the curtain opening and turn left) is always open and is a place for talking and listening to God. If you would like someone to pray with you members of the Prayer Team (wearing badges) will be happy to help.

The Vestry (through the curtain opening) is available for use at any time the Church is open. An extension speaker is now in place so that the Service can be heard in this room, plus a box of toys, and is ideal for very small children and babies, with their carers, (although we don't mind noise!)

The Stewards are available to hear any questions, queries, concerns etc. you might have.