

St Cross Church Knutsford

Mobberley Road Knutsford WA16 8EL

We invite you to join us during the Advent and Christmas season.

ADVENT

A time for waiting...



Sunday 30th Nov

Advent Sunday - Hope

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection in darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning.

8.45am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Saturday 6th Dec

3.30pm Town centre crib service

By the Nativity scene outside the Lost and Found.

Sunday 7th Dec

Advent 2 - Peace

10am Family Eucharist
with toy collection

Our toy collection is for The Salvation Army at Winsford.

4.30pm Taizé service for Advent

Sunday 14th Dec

Advent 3 - Joy

8.45am Said Eucharist
4.30pm Christmas Lessons and Carols
with Manor Park School Choir

A beautiful traditional Christmas service -
refreshments served afterwards.

Sunday 21st Dec

Advent 4 - Love

8.45am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 24th Dec

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle service

The real Christmas story for all ages. Donations for the Children's Society work with vulnerable children & young people.

11.15pm The First Eucharist of
Christmas - (Midnight Mass)

The service is in the Chancel - stepped access -
seating is available at the foot of the Chancel steps.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Thursday 25th Dec

Christmas Day

10am Sung Eucharist

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

25th Dec to 6th Jan

The 12 days of Christmas

The traditional season of Christmas continues until Epiphany on January 6th which celebrates the visit of the wise men from the east to visit Jesus.

Epiphany means 'something is shown to us'. God has been shown to us in the person of Jesus, and the season of Epiphany continues until Candlemas Day which is celebrated early in February every year.

The seasons of Christmas and Epiphany are a time for people to be especially **Joyful** over the discovery of God's love for them, and all people, through the gift of Jesus.



St Cross Newsletter

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The Vicar writes.....

I write this letter at the beginning of December and I'm left wondering what happened to November. Admittedly there was a lot going on with various church related events and also the four-day clergy conference at Swanwick. Towards the end of the month, we had a stall for the first day of the Knutsford Christmas Market. The idea of participating was Allison's initiative and I'd like to thank her for the time and energy she put into this wonderful act of outreach.

I would also like to thank all church members who helped to make this possible, on the day staffing the stall, setting and packing up. And there was so much hard work and effort put in by church members to make Christmas-related gifts. The wreath-making afternoon was hugely appreciated. I'd also like to thank Kevin Johnson for organising and producing the publicity leaflets which were handed out in Knutsford and are also being posted through local homes. And we should not underestimate the importance of the prayer support that was given throughout the day.

A lot of the unsold products were sold in the church hall on Sunday so thank you to everyone involved in that as well. The final profit was well in excess of £400. A welcome boost to our church funds in a year which has not seen the same number of fundraisers as in previous years.

Whilst the financial result was most welcome, the main driver behind this was to be a presence in the community and in the gentlest way

possible to remind people of the reason for the season. The knitted crib scene, which was appreciated by many visitors, was an ingenious improvisation drawing together knitted figures from other knitted depictions of Jesus' life and ministry. Perhaps there is a project idea for 2026 to produce a dedicated knitted crib scene for the future? I am certainly keen to repeat the stall effort next year if others are up for it.

There will be a lot happening in the church through December and I guess for many of you a busy time with families too. I am looking forward to the whole of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany with expectation and wonder. The Carol Service with Manor Park School on the 14th will undoubtedly be a highlight as we come together to sing the carols, hear the story of the Incarnation of Christ that led to our salvation, and to pray that Jesus will come to us afresh in the joy of Christmas.

As the year draws to a close there have been significant changes along the way, particularly in the front-line ministry team, and I thank everyone for their support and love.

May the joy of the
Christ child be yours
this Christmas

Yours, in Christ

Paul



Occasional Offices in November

Funeral: 4th Ronald George Burrows

Baptisms: 16th Vinnie Jay Newall

23rd Nancy Elizabeth Hunter



Events and Special Services in December & January

Sunday 7th December

10am Family Communion and Toy Service

4.30pm Taizé Service

Monday 8th December

2-4pm Monday Together

Monday 15th December

2pm Christmas Cheer! Concert by Vino in the Parish Room

Tuesday 16th December *(NB change of date)*

7.30pm Lectio Divina (on Teams)

Thursday 18th December

2pm Mothers' Union—a social meeting including worship in preparation for Christmas.

Please see over for Christmas services

Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th January

2-4pm Monday Together in the Parish Room. Fellowship, refreshments and activities supporting the work of the church.

Tuesday 13th January

7.30pm Lectio Divina (on Teams)

Wednesday 21st January

7pm PCC meeting (on Teams)

Additional notices appear weekly on Sundays and on the Parish Room notice board.