



Newsletter of St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham
Week commencing November 30th 2025 – Advent Sunday Year A

“To know God and to make God known”

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This Week

November 30 th Advent Sunday Year A	08.00 10.00 15.00	Holy Communion - said service Holy Communion - with music Advent/Christmas Messy Church	Romans 13.11 to end; Matthew 24.36-44
Monday - Friday		Mon – Fri: Church open 10.00-15.00	
Monday	09.15	Frodsham CofE school bring staging to church and rehearse	
Tuesday	02.00 19.00	Advent Bible Study in the Lady Chapel – all welcome Holy Communion – said service	
Wednesday	10.00	Toddler Praise	
Thursday	09.15 10.00	Frodsham CofE school rehearse Bee Friends Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall	
Friday	13.00 – 15.00	Craft and Chat in the Lady Chapel	
December 7 th 2nd Sunday of Advent	08.00 10.00 16.00	Holy Communion - said service Holy Communion - with music Still Point – a reflective service in the Lady Chapel (see page 2 for more)	

Prayers

Our prayers for those who are sick If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then pass their name to Rev Elaine: revelaine@nym.hush.com

Please pray for –

Those who are sick

Those who have died

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Prayer Wall - You can write a prayer and light a virtual candle on our website. <https://slfchurch.org/prayerwall>

Please pass your requests to Rev Elaine at the Vicarage if you haven't got internet access.

Dates for your Diary

Children: Messy Church Monthly during term time only [Read more here](#)

Toddler Praise Every Wednesday during term time only [Read more](#)

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – See Notice on page 2 for more information

MU DECEMBER MEETING Our December meeting will be postponed one week to Wed 17th Dec. Father Christmas is busy the week before!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY HELSBY CONCERT BAND, BEAUTIFUL NOISE CHOIR AND BOLD AS BRASS on **Sunday 14th December** 3pm in church. See poster on page 6 of this newsletter.

Notices



Frodsham Players
 Theatre in the local community

FRODSHAM PLAYERS are performing two excellent comedies this coming week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Saturday (Dec 1,2,4,5,6) all at 7.30pm at Frodsham Community Centre. Tickets are still available and can be purchased from www.frodshamplayers.com or 07775 211836. See poster on page 6 for more information.

USED STAMPS REMINDER Please remember that Oxfam make use of used postage stamps. Every little helps and no matter how few or how many drop through your letterbox, I'm happy to act as the middleman. If you pass them to me, I'll deliver them to the shop. Thanks, **Beryl** x



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – THE COMING OF THE CHRIST Led by David Copley

Beginning on 18th of November and the following Tuesdays at 2pm – 3.30 in church

All are warmly invited to explore together the Biblical expectations and experiences.

18th November HOPE – Changing images of the Messiah

25th November A SHOCKING MESSIAH

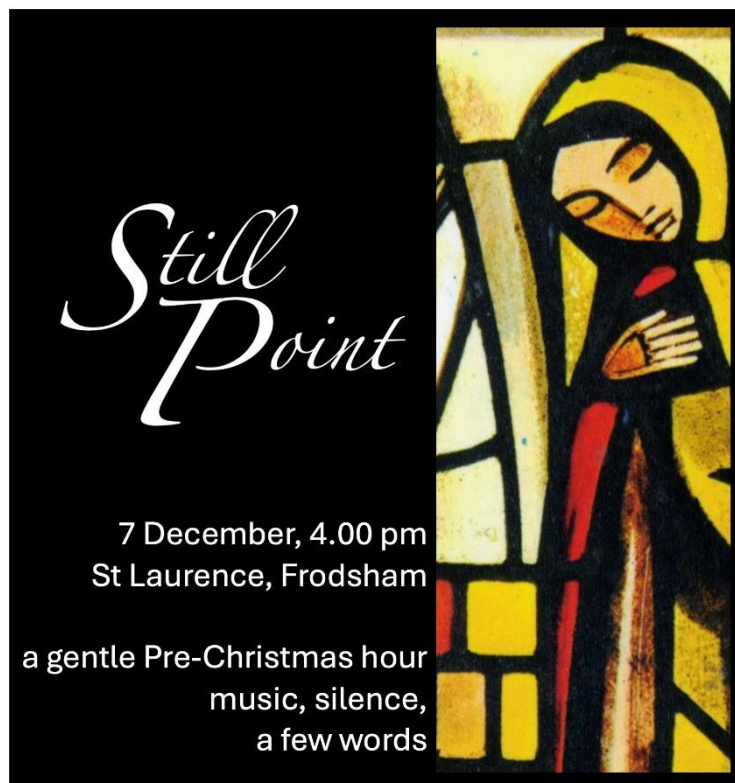
2nd December THE COMING OF CHRIST

9th December PRAYING AND LISTENING – preparing an act of worship

Tues December 16th 2pm

A Service for the church and community bringing the Advent hope into the Joy of the Coming of Jesus

Music, Carols, Readings – poetry, literature etc. sharing some of the work of the group



Still Point

7 December, 4.00 pm
St Laurence, Frodsham

a gentle Pre-Christmas hour
music, silence,
a few words

FOODBANK Food drop-off – supermarket drop off points; in church; distribution centre on Ship Street (Fridays 1-3pm). The foodbank is currently short of: **Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Long Life Milk, Biscuits/Confectionery, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shower Gel etc.**

ADVENT CALENDARS – please donate by the end of November for us to include them in parcels in time for the beginning of December.

SELECTION BOXES, CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS, MINCE PIES, BISCUITS etc - please donate any time between now and 13th December for us to include them in parcels in time for Christmas use.

For info on how to give or get help go to <https://runcondistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

DONATIONS TO CHURCH If you would like to contribute to St Laurence, our Bank Account details are as follows: St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council Sort Code: 09-01-55 Acc. No: 42559803.

Alternatively, you can donate here:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475> or scan the code. Thank you.



*Our safeguarding officer can be contacted on the dedicated phone line
07862 321 560*

Please use it only for safeguarding issues, not for general enquiries. Thank you

News

FROM ANTHONY B. Shortly it will be the fifth anniversary of the last foreign holiday I and my late wife Sue enjoyed together – just before Christmas at magical Salzburg in 2019. Click [HERE](#) for a music video link to an Advent carol traditionally sung on Saint Barbara's Day, 4 December, in Austria – a beloved venue for long friendships, music, and

mountain walking. The carol originates from the ancient custom of soaking detached tree shoots at the beginning of Advent so that they might bloom by Christmas, inspired by the Book of Isaiah Chapters 11 and 7. Hopefully it will bring charm and warmth.

NEWS FROM FRODSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our vicar, Rev Elaine, writes:

Our Church school Frodsham C of E Primary School have recently had their SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

I am so pleased and proud to report that this went very well, and the report was amazing – giving a wonderful reflection of our school as it really is - and the dedication and hard work of the staff and volunteers.

And from the school's head teacher:

We are thrilled to share with you that we recently had a very successful SIAMS inspection in school. This inspection looks in depth at whether the school is living up to its foundation as a church school and enabling pupils and adults to flourish and grow spiritually. Having spent the day in school talking to a range of children, staff, governors and parents, our inspection was able to confirm that we have 'a deeply embedded culture of Christian love which underpins school life, where children and adults know they are cherished in school and by God'.

Reverend Elaine was able to talk about our links with the church and the parish and the inspector recognised, 'a strong partnership with the church enhances pastoral care given to staff and families. Subsequently, flourishing is fostered through strengthened relationships between the school and community.' **Our school vision: 'Love each other, as God loves us,'** is rooted in John 15 where we hear that 'Jesus is the true vine, we are the branches and we need to remain in Him.' It was a delight to see this being recognised and celebrated in our school. If you wish to read the full report, you are welcome to do so and can find it on our [school website](#).

Continuing with the theme of loving each other, our ever-popular Ethos Group once again hosted an Afternoon Tea. The children gave up their time to prepare the food, practise a range of musical, gymnastic, dance and joke-telling entertainments and make Christmas cards full of joy. It was lovely to welcome so many visitors into school for this occasion and the children all enjoyed chatting to their guests and finding out a little about each person as they lived out the fruits of 'love, kindness, goodness, gentleness and joy' which we have been learning about together in whole school worship. If you were unable to attend this time, please do not worry, the children are excited to host another afternoon tea very soon.

CRAFT AND CHAT have been making hats and other knitted items for babies, to go The Countess of Chester Hospital. CCH either sell the items to raise money for the hospital or else they are passed to the neonatal unit to be gifted to babies there. Here are a few photos of some items still awaiting delivery to the hospital. The two smaller photos show hats made by Des's magic machine. She can churn them out much faster than ordinary hand knitting!

As an aside, by the simple expedient of Liz collecting £2 from everyone each week, Craft and Chat have been able to donate over £500 so far to Church Funds.



BEE FRIENDS COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE PARISH HALL

This last week Bee Friends reached their 3-year anniversary for holding coffee mornings on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall and, at the same time, it was the first time that numbers passing through the door topped 100. Well done, Bee Friends. On the last Thursday of each month a soup and cake lunch follows on from the coffee morning and sometimes Bee Friends invite young musicians to play to us punters! Today (Thursday 27th November) we were delighted to hear Matthew Chadbound (violin), Rebecca Stubbs (viola) and Abi Davies (cello) play to us music by Handel, Bach, Beethoven, Vivaldi and also a Scottish traditional piece called 'Wee Donald in the Pig Pen'. Here is a photo of them.



Editor: Sorry, David, that my photo has caught you photo-bombing the musicians!

FROM TONY M. *"The Legend Of Robin Redbreast" - This version is taken from "A Christmas Stocking" by Louise Betts Egan.*

On that first Christmas, it is said, the night was wrapped in a bitter chill. The small fire in the stable was nearly out, and the Mother, Mary, worried that her baby would be cold. She turned to the animals about her and asked them for help.

"Could you blow on the embers," she asked the ox, "so the fire might continue to keep my son warm?"

But the ox lay sound asleep on the stable floor and did not hear her. Next, Mary asked the donkey to breathe life back into the fire, but the sleeping donkey did not hear Mary either. Nor did the horse or sheep. She wondered what to do.

Suddenly, Mary heard a fluttering of little wings. Looking up, she saw a plain, brown-coloured little robin fly into the stall. This robin had heard Mary calling to the animals and had come to help her himself. He went over to the dying fire and flapped his wings hard.

His wings were like little bellows, huffing and puffing air onto the embers, until they glowed bright red again. He continued to fan the fire, singing all the while, until the ashes began to kindle.

With his beak, the robin picked up some fresh, dry sticks and tossed them into the fire. As he did, a flame suddenly burst forth and burned the little bird's breast a bright red. But the robin simply continued to fan the fire until it crackled brightly and warmed the entire stable. The Baby Jesus slept happily.

Mary thanked and praised the robin for all he had done. She looked tenderly at his red breast, burned by the flame, and said "From now on, let your red breast be a blessed reminder of your noble deed."



And to this day, the robin's red breast covers his humble heart.

AND LOTS OF HUMOUR THIS MONTH – FIRSTLY FROM TONY M.

A teacher asked the Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories.

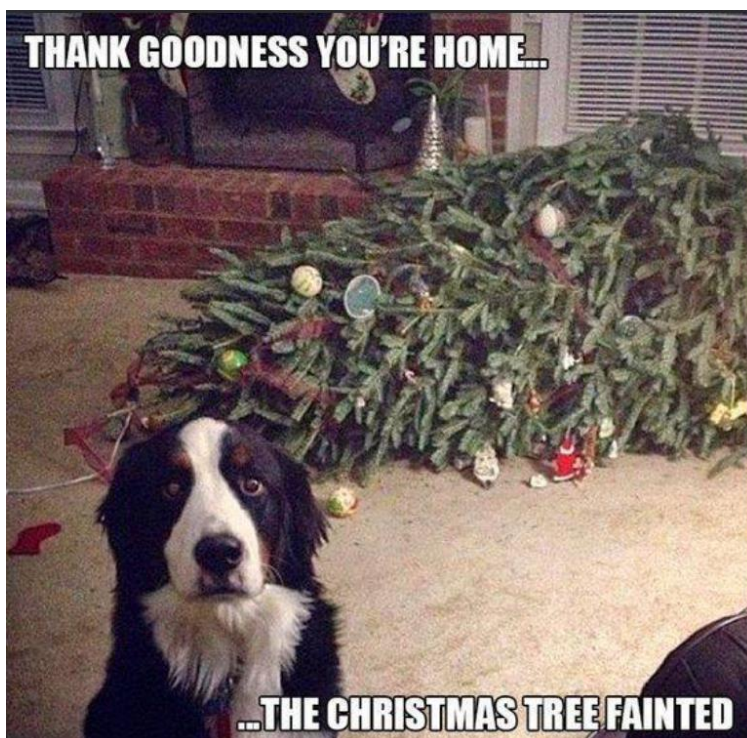
She was puzzled by little Johnny's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," Little Johnny replied. "I see... and that must be Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus," she said. "But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot!"

A boy was looking forward to the School Nativity Play. He desperately wanted to play Joseph and kept pestering his teacher in the hope that he could.

However, he was disappointed as he was to play the Innkeeper. He sulked during rehearsals until the teacher told him that if his behaviour continued, he would not be taking part at all.

On the first night of the Nativity play Mary and Joseph approached the inn and asked the Innkeeper if he had a room where they could stay. The Innkeeper replied "Certainly, would you like a double room or a twin room"

... AND SECONDLY FROM STEPH P.





The Alternative Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



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