



THOMAS RISLEY CHURCH 29.10.2023

A Beacon of God's Kingdom in Birchwood

Welcome to our Morning Service led by Mr Ron Gemmell

Theme: 'Talking and Listening'

Readings: Luke 4 v 14-21 and Acts 17 v 22-32

Bible readings for the week ending 05.11.2023

- Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
- Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43
- 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
- Matthew 23:1-12

Duties at church on 05.11.2023

Leader:	Mr Colin Burrows
Welcome:	Felicity Ford & Kevin McDermott
Prayers for others:	Malcolm Ross
Readers:	Derek Tabor & Audrey Holgate
Tea and Coffee:	Rhona & David Searle



Saturday 4th November, morning. Volunteers needed to put up the lamppost poppies and/or tidy front of church for the poppy garden.



Saturday 4th November – TRotters Walk, See Diane for details,



There will be a Fairtrade Christmas Stall after church on Sunday 5th November and at TReats on Thursday 2nd November.



Monday 6th November - School firework display. Volunteers needed to run the hot chocolate stall.

Handmade greeting cards

In support of St Rocco's Hospice, these are available in the foyer on Sundays and Thursdays. They are £1 each, however, you may feel that your card is worth a little more so thank you if you are able to contribute a little extra. The cards went on sale in mid January and to date they have raised £101. As the maker of the cards Gift Aided them, the Hospice benefits an extra 25p from each £1 raised. On behalf of the Hospice a big THANK YOU for your support. Chris Green.

Forthcoming Dates

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday, 10am start, finishing at the front of the church building with the act of remembrance at 11am.

Sunday 19th November - Toy Sunday, 10.40 -12.00. We are supporting local families that need a little extra by donating board games and and/or selection boxes. We understand this can be an added expense and we do not wish to cause any difficulties. Please consider sharing your offering with a friend if this will make things easier.

Sunday 10th December – 5.00 pm. Community Carol Sing around Locking Stumps. Start and finish at church. Hot dogs and warm drink afterwards.

Sunday 17th December - 10.40am. "Family Nativity" Morning Service. 6.00pm-7.00pm Carols by Candlelight.

Saturday 23rd December - 10.00am Christingle making at church.

Sunday 24th December - 5.00pm Christingle Service. 6.15pm Carol Singing outside church. 11.30pm Midnight communion.

Monday 25th December - 10.00am. Christmas Day service.

Situations Vacant.

To ensure our Christmas services run smoothly, your help is needed in the following areas.

1. Obtain 150 oranges for Christingle making. (You will be reimbursed the cost).
2. Prepare readings for each Sunday in Advent (4) and arrange readers.
3. Decorate the Advent Ring.
4. Help with food prep after Community Carol Sing.
5. Help distributing cards and flyers around Locking Stumps.

If you can help with any of the above, please speak with David Searle or Wanda. Thank you.



The next church meeting will take place on Thursday 16th November in church starting at 7:30pm. Please let David Thurston know if you have any agenda items.



We are running short of biscuits for enjoying with a drink after morning services so donations of biscuits will be gratefully received. Hobnobs, Oreo biscuits and custard creams (or any other cream biscuits) are particularly popular. Thank you.



4Front Theatre

are coming to Birchwood this Christmas!

2nd December 3.00 pm at Birchwood High School

More information to follow - don't miss out on this exciting new "pantivity" - **a pantomime and a nativity all in one!**

A live show for all the family at an affordable price brought to you by Birchwood Churches Together



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