



THOMAS RISLEY CHURCH 05.11.2023

*A Beacon of God's Kingdom in Birchwood*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by Mr Colin Burrows

Theme: Be Strong in the Lord. With God all things are possible

Readings: Romans 10 v 1-15, 1 Peter 4 v 1-11 and 2 Timothy 4 v 1-8



There will be a Fairtrade Christmas Stall after church this morning.



**Bible readings for the week ending 12.11.2023**

- Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7
- Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13

**Duties at church on 12.11.2023**

Leader: All Age Worship Team  
 Welcome: Guides  
 Tea and Coffee: Elaine Watts & Maggie Bowen



**Locking Stumps School Fireworks**

Thank you to all who have volunteered. We will meet at church at 3.30pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to set up ready for the gates to open at 5pm. The event finishes at 7pm. Stuart.



**Forthcoming Dates**

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Church Meeting** in church starting at 7:30pm. Please let David Thurston know if you have any agenda items,

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Birchwood Blokes Breakfast**



Why not invite a mate for a full English brekkie and a chat? If you are planning to come please let Andy Jordan, Stuart Robinson or Stuart Nixon know before Thurs 23rd Nov.

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.40am. “Family Nativity” Morning Service. 6.00pm-7.00pm Carols by Candlelight.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** - 10.00am Christingle making at church.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December** - 5.00pm Christingle Service. 6.15pm Carol Singing outside church. 11.30pm Midnight communion.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.00am. Christmas Day service.



**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.

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### **Situations Vacant.**

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

- 1.. Help with food prep after Community Carol Sing.
2. 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.

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### **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.



**4Front Theatre** are coming to Birchwood tis Christmas!

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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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If you have any news or items that you want to let people know about, just send an email to Maggie via [news@thomasrisley.org](mailto:news@thomasrisley.org) **before Thursday afternoon please**. If you would like to receive an email copy of the newsletter each week, you can request one either via our website, <http://www.thomasrisley.org> or by emailing [secretary@thomasrisley.org](mailto:secretary@thomasrisley.org). It is also published on our website.

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