



# GRAPEVINE

Sunday 3rd December  
Advent Sunday

## Today



**9.00-9.45am Breakfast is served in the Lounge**

**10.00am**

**All Age Service**

**Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

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**6.30pm**

**Holy Communion**

**Reading:** Psalm 80:1-7 &

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## Collect



Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness  
and put upon us the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both  
the quick and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

## Next Sunday



**10.00am**

**Morning Praise with Communion**

**6.30pm**

**Holy Communion**

## Thought for the week



*Jesus calls us to stand with others as if we were in their place.*



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**Welcome to our Services today, please join us for Refreshments in the Centre after the Services.**

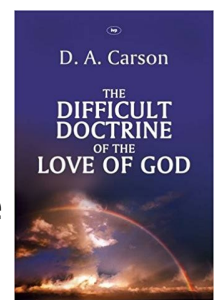
**The monthly church prayer meetings will take place tomorrow, 4th December, at 10.00am in the morning and 7.30pm in the evening.**

**Traditional carol service; Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December (evening): we still need singers to join us for this wonderful celebration of Christmas.** Rehearsals this week are on Monday and Thursday (choose whichever one works better for you) at 7.30pm in the Centre. See Mike Prosser for more information

**Singing for Fun Christmas Party. Golly is looking for vintage cups and saucers to do flower arrangements for this event.** If you have any, could you please hand them into the office. Thank you.

**Christingle making—Friday, December 22nd at 10.00am in the lounge. Please come and help! Speak with Matt or Susie**

**Matt is reading this book, by Don Carson. Not only is it a readable and challenging account of our understanding of 'God is love', (1 John 4:8), it helps reconcile the difficulties we have between Old and New Testaments and debunks some well - worn evangelical cliches that we really ought to understand properly, before we utter them. Anyone wanting to borrow it, please ask, but also worth buying.**



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**We are doing two Love Southbourne events for Christmas.**

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**Friday, 15th December at 6.00pm  
Christmas Carols**

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With mulled drink and cookies at the Bourne end of Manor Way

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**Saturday, 16th December at 6.00pm**

**Carols and turning on the Christmas Tree lights**

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With Mulled Wine, Cookies at St. John's Church Garden

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***Do put the dates in your Diary***

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**We will need plenty of singers so please speak with Susie or Jon if you sing at either of these events.**

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# What's on This Week



**The St John's Christmas card is at the back of church.** If you wish, you may sign it instead of sending cards to your church friends and put the money saved in the nearby silver box marked Stonepillow Night Refuge for the homeless.

**Man Up - Children of God:** We are continuing with the sixth of our series looking at John's first letter, led by Martin Fair. What does it mean to be a child of God? What are the implications, in terms of status as well as responsibilities? John's letter shows us. Come and join the conversation at 8 p.m. today in the Church Centre.

**Parish Prayers - Tuesday at 9.30am. Please come and help pray for the Southbourne Parish.**



**Seniors are invited to  
Musical Entertainment from the  
Community Choir**

*Tuesday, 5th December  
1.45-4.00pm*

Places are limited. Please call Diana on  
01243 376424 for a place

*The*  
**RENAISSANCE**  
*Choir*

**Christmas Joy - The Renaissance  
Choir in aid of Family Support Work.  
Saturday, 9th December at 7.30pm.**

**Tickets £8.00, Children £1. Available on the door or in the  
church office**

**Complete set of camping equipment available. 6 berth Tent,  
cooker, stand, pots pans etc. Please speak with John and  
Angela Smith. Small donation to Charity.**

**Foodbank - They are very short of  
tins of fruit, veg, meat, 1 litre cartons  
of fruit juice and 1 litre cartons of UHT  
milk and biscuits. Thank you for your  
support.**



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## What's on this week in the Centre & Church



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Man Up</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Upstairs</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Church Prayer mtg Singing for Fun Church Prayer Mtg</b>	<b>10.00am 2.30pm 7.30</b>	<b>Church Centre Centre</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Parish Prayers Community Choir Seniors Exercise Class</b>	<b>9.30am 10.00am 1.45pm 6.00pm</b>	<b>Prayer Rm Lounge Centre Church</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holy Communion Craft Club Children's Groups</b>	<b>10.00am  5.00pm</b>	<b>Lounge Centre</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Little Fishes Drop in Bible Study Youth Groups</b>	<b>10.00am 12.30pm 5.00pm</b>	<b>Upstairs Lounge Centre</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ladies Call to Pray for Our nation</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Lounge</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Renaissance Choir</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Church &amp; Centre</b>

## General Information



**Babies/children** – there is a baby corner in the South Transept, please feel free to bring your baby up to play with the toys. Changing mat & 'nappy wrapper' bin available in the disabled toilet.

**Offerings** – Please put these in the **Pink Gift Aid Envelope**. These are in each row and at the back of church. Please fill in your name and address in order that we can recover the tax you paid.

**Parking** – If you park in Mosdell Road, please do not block the drive-ways and ensure there is access for emergency/large vehicles.

**Mobile Phones** - Please turn these off during the Service.

**Coffee Connect** - Open Monday-Friday 9am-12noon. Come along for a coffee or tea and cake with a warm welcome.

### Personal Prayer

Members of the Ministry Team are available after the services to pray with you and for you. They are identified by a ministry team badge.