



## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Greetings!

This is a precious time of year I think as we remember the joys of summer and look forward to the rest that winter seems to offer us as the darkness comes earlier and earlier.

The change of season may feel a bit gloomy, but we live in the hope of the light of Christ shining among his people, through his people. As we reflect on and pray for events around the world, we're reminded that God became human in a time of great difficulty and turmoil. He "moved into the neighbourhood" and lived among us (John 1:14 MSG). Ours is probably not to move into the neighbourhoods of war-torn parts of the world, but ours is to pray, fervently, for peace. Peace, I believe starts with an attitude to loving all God's people. If we're able to do that in our own, local context without prejudice or judgment, then surely the world would be a better place. Our sphere of influence is that which we can control. We should be making sure that our sphere of influence reflects our love for God and all his people so that our attitude to peace is clear and visible to all.

As we move towards Advent and Christmas, we begin to receive cards reflecting the peace on earth that Jesus promises, let's continue to pray for peace, trusting that Jesus who came two centuries ago comes to all this Christmas offering his peace. John 14:27 reminds us that the peace of God is not as the world gives peace through "stuff", but a perfect peace that passes our understanding (Phil 4:7). I hope and pray that you and all those you love will know the peace of God this season. I hope the winter offers us time to stop and rest, just like nature does. I hope the beginning of the new calendar year will fill you with anticipation and excitement for all that God is calling us to do.

The staff team have created this plan together and we hope it meets as many of your worship expectations as possible. Remember that we are the local church within a circuit of churches so please always feel free to join in with whatever service you think you might enjoy most – especially over Christmas. There are several different styles of services so there should be something for everyone. It's also that time of the year when perhaps family and friends are visiting. It would be lovely to welcome them to our services. Be bold and courageous and bring them along!

Please remember Jacob, Hagar and the family in your prayers as Jacob prepares to take his sabbatical after Christmas. We pray for a time of rest and refreshment, safe travels and God's richest blessing on them as they enjoy the gift of a short time away from circuit ministry. We also remember them in prayer for the stationing process which is underway.

With every blessing and many thanks for all you do, whoever you are and wherever you join in with God's work.

Rev Sam x

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DEC   JAN   FEB		03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	04-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb
23/24		Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 3 Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Christmas 1	1st after Epiphany	2nd after Epiphany	3rd after Epiphany	4th after Epiphany	5th after Epiphany	Transfiguration	1st in Lent	2nd in Lent
YEAR B		Mark 13:24 - 37	Mark 1:1 - 8	John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28	Luke 1: 26 - 38	Luke 2:1 - 14	Matt 2:13 - 23	Mark 1:4 - 11	John 1:43 - 52	Mark 1:14 - 20	Mark 1:21 - 28	Mark 1:29 - 39	Mark 9:2 - 9	Mark 1:9 - 15	Mark 8:31 - 38
BETHEL	5pm	WHITSON	LOWTHER	HAGERMAN	LA	-	-	HAGERMAN HC COV	LOWTHER	RYDER	LA	HAGERMAN HC	LOWTHER	TIMOTHY	LA
BRERETON	10:30am	US @ St Paul's	LOWTHER	A JENKINS	DONKOH	-	US @ St Paul's	SIGLEY	US @ St Paul's COV	ALEXANDER	J. JENKINS	US @ St Paul's	BOOT	GLOVER	US @ St Paul's
BURNTWOOD	10:30am	HAYDN-WALKER (TOY)	LA	DONKOH HC US (w Chasetown)	BOOT	10am HAYDN-WALKER US (w Chasetown)	US @ Chasetown	PLA	RYDER	Rev PARKES HC US (w Chasetown)	A. JENKINS COV US @ Chasetown	LA	COWELL	P. DUNN US (w Chasetown)	HAYDN-WALKER
	11:15pm	-	-	-	US @ Chasetown HC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANNOCK WOOD	6pm	DONKOH HC	AMBLER	LA	WHITSON	-	CROOK	ROTHERY	RYDER	LA	TRIGG	GLOVER	WHITSON	LA	HAGERMAN
CHADSMOOR	10:30am	AMBLER	LA	J. JENKINS	C. PARKES	AMBLER	COWELL	AMBLER COV	AMBLER AAW	LA	COWELL	AMBLER BAP	ROTHERY	HAYDN-WALKER AAW	LA
	6pm	PARKES (CONTEMP)	GLOVER	GLOVER CS	7pm AMBLER HC	-	-	PARKES (CONTEMP)	GLOVER	AMBLER COV	HAGERMAN	PARKES (CONTEMP)	GLOVER	LA	Rev AMBLER HC
CHASETOWN	10:30am	TRIGG	PLA - Café	US @ Burntwood	LOWTHER	US @ Burntwood	SIGLEY US (w Burntwood)	GLOVER	PLA - Café	US @ Burntwood	A. JENKINS COV US (w St Anne's & Burntwood)	TIMOTHY	PLA - Café	US @ Burntwood	ROTHERY
	Various	-	-	6pm CS	11:15pm HC US (w Burntwood)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEATHERSTONE	11am	HAGERMAN	C. PARKES	LA	HAGERMAN	-	BOOT	HAGERMAN HC COV	LA	DEVEY	ROTHERY	HAGERMAN HC	HOE	LA	SIGLEY
	4pm	HAGERMAN CHRISTINGLE													
HANDSACRE	9:30am	AMBLER	DONKOH HC	LA CS	TIMOTHY	-	US @ St Paul's	HAYWOOD	US @ St Paul's COV	LA	S. PARKES	WHITSON	LA	TIMOTHY	RYDER
	Various	MESSY	-	-	PLA Crib	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MILL STREET	11am	ALEXANDER	-	HOE CS	-	-	-	LOWTHER	-	HOE COV	-	LA	-	HOE HC	-
PENKRIDGE	10:30am	BATES	HAGERMAN HC	ROTHERY	-	9:30 HAGERMAN	GLOVER	LA	HAGERMAN HC COV	BATES	HAYWOOD	LA	HAGERMAN	BATES HC	J. JENKINS
	6pm	-	-	-	BATES CS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SALEM	11am	P. DUNN	AMBLER HC	LA	ROTHERY	LA	AMBLER	WHITSON	AMBER COV	RYDER	LA	SIGLEY	-	DEVEY	S. PARKES
	Various	-	-	LA CS	5pm TIMOTHY CRIB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4pm HAGERMAN HC	-	-
St PAUL'S	11am	DONKOH HC US (w Brereton)	BOOT	LA	-	DONKOH	P DUNN	TIMOTHY	HOE COV US (w Handsacre)	LA	C. PARKES	ROTHERY US (w Brereton)	Rev PARKES REGNAL	LA	A. JENKINS HC
	Various	-	-	-	4pm DONKOH CS	-	-	6pm AMBLER COV	-	-	-	6pm HOE	-	-	-
	11:15pm				US @ Chasetown HC										
ST STEPHEN'S	10:30am	ROTHERY	PLA CHRISTINGLE	HAGERMAN HC	GLOVER	10:45am HAGERMAN	PLA	ALEXANDER	LA	HAGERMAN BAP	HAGERMAN HC COV	LA	TIMOTHY	HAGERMAN HC	LOWTHER
	Various	-	-	6:30pm PLA CS	4pm HAGERMAN Crib	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRINITY & BOURNE	11am	WHITSON	S. PARKES	AMBER HC	DEVEY	LA	TIMOTHY	BOOT	COWELL	AMBLER COV	LA	TRIGG	AMBLER HC	HAYWOOD	LA
UPPER LANDYWOOD	10:30am	HOE HC	COWELL	PLA CHOIR	HOE CAROLS	-	PLA	US @ Wesley	TRIGG	GLOVER	LA	HOE HC	SIGLEY	TRIGG	LA
WYRLEY WESLEY	11am	RYDER	TIMOTHY	LA CS	AMBLER HC	DEVEY	WHITSON	HOE HC	LA	S. PARKES	AMBLER COV	J. AMBLER	S. PARKES	LA	AMBLER HC

	FRIDAYS	01/12/2023			22/12/2023						26/01/2024				23/02/2023
BRIER HILL NURSING HOME	11:15am	DONKAH	-	-	G LOWTHER Carols	-	-	-	-	-	G LOWTHER	-	-	-	G LOWTHER

Carol Service CS

Holy Communion HC

Covenant COV

United Service US

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