

What's on week commencing 3 December 2017

Mon 4	2.30pm	Cookhill Cell Group	18 Chestnut Rd, Astwood Bank
	8.00pm	Cell Group	The Bulls Head, Inkberrow
Tues 5	7.45pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Peter's, Inkberrow
	8.00pm	Orchard House Cell Group	2 Greenscroft Way, Inkberrow
Wed 6	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
	8.00pm	Cell Group	Copper Brier, Inkberrow
Thurs 7	8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Paul's, Cookhill
	7.30pm	St Peter's PCC Meeting	The Vicarage
Sat 9	10.00am	Christmas Fair	St Nicholas', Dormston
Sun 10	11.00am	Junior Church	St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow

The bells of St. Peter's Church Inkberrow were rung on Tuesday 28th November by Bewdley Bell Ringers. It was purely a coincidence that it was the day following the announcement of the engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Traditionally church bells are rung at nationally significant occasions, royal engagements and weddings included. Though it was a coincidence, it was a lovely one, therefore thank you to Bewdley Bell Ringers for getting the village asking "why? oh it must be the engagement..." even though it wasn't. Bruce

St Nicholas' Patronal Eucharist 11.00am Sunday 10th December at which Bishop Graham will be presiding. Refreshments afterwards. Bishop Graham will also be presiding and preaching at Cookhill at 9.30am.



Christmas Story, Christmas Songs, Christmas Sticking

St Peter's Advent Workshop. Join us for a fun filled morning of making simple Christmas crafts, singing a few well known carols and hearing the Christmas story. All ages welcome, children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. St Peter's Junior Church team. St Peter's Church Hall (PEC), Saturday 9th December, 10am to 12 noon.



Annual Christmas Fair Saturday

9th December, St Nicholas' Church, Dormston.
10am – 1.00pm. Gifts Tombola, Christmas Produce, Refreshments and More... All Proceeds to church funds.



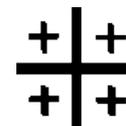
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, 21st December, 7.30pm
St Peter's Church Inkberrow. A candlelit evening of carols, readings and prayers to celebrate the Christmas Story. Please join us for this wonderful event.

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The **BENEFICE** of **INKBERROW**
with **COOKHILL** and **KINGTON**
with **DORMSTON**



Advent I
3 December 2017

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Mission Statement A welcoming church, community centred on the unconditional love of Jesus. Vibrant and growing; Serving and nurturing; Encountering God and transforming lives.



SERVICES for Sunday 3 December, Advent 1

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Inkberrow
9.30am	Family Communion <i>With Healing Prayers & Anointing</i>	St Paul's Church, Cookhill
9.30am	Traditional Holy Communion	St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow
11.00am	Morning Praise	St James's Church, Kington
11.00am	Informal Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Inkberrow
1.30pm	Baptism of Gemma Banner	St Peter's Church, Inkberrow

Collect for Advent I Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Advent O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

My brothers and sisters: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 64.1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations

might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13. 24-37

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Prayer Focus:

With the announcement of the engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. We give thanks for families and the for the romantic love of two people for each other. We pray for Prince Harry and Meghan that they will enjoy a lifetime of happily married life. Equally we pray for all engaged and married couples as they make their life journey together.

With “social media” in the news, we pray that it will be used responsibly and that when we use social media we consider the consequences of our postings on the feelings of others. We particularly pray for politicians use of social media and we pray that they understand they represent not only themselves but their countries

when they post opinions.

We continue to pray for Zimbabwe as the country makes the transition from President Mugabe to President Mnangagwa.

During this first week of Advent we pray for Hope. That all will have hope for the future, that they will understand the hope that God gives us as followers of Jesus.

Those bereaved of: Nigel Cook; Mike Morrison;

Those who are in special need: Sandy Carruthers; David; Maureen Dew; Eileen; Kathleen Hollis; Jamie; Sheila Nicholson; Ann; Graham; Anne; Bréda; Bob McCarthy; Reuben Bell; Noah; Peter Evans; Tim Beddall; Rosemary Biggs; Nick; Wayne Poulton; Gwynne; Ann; Elizabeth; Bill Grainger; Paul;

Cycles of Prayer for the Wider Church:

- Malvern Deanery - Rural Dean: David Nichol; Lay Chair: David Sparkes;
- Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Scotland): Bishop David Chillingworth;
- Diocese of Porvoo (Finland): Bishop Björn Vikström;
- Diocese of West Buganda (Uganda): Bishop Henry Katumba-Tamale;

Local Churches, Community and Daily lives:

- Dormston, St Nicholas’, Rev’d Bruce Rienstra and Rev’d Diane Hayward–Wright;
- Those who live and work in Dingle End, Devon Close and Ramble Close, Inkberrow;

Daily Bible Readings W/C 3 December 2017

Date	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Sun 3 Dec, 1st of Advent	25	Isaiah 1.1-20	Matthew 21.1-13
Mon 4, Dec, John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith.	50	Isaiah 25.1-9	Matthew 12.1-21
Tues 5	80	Isaiah 26.1-13	Matthew 12.22-37
Wed 6, Nicholas, Bishop of Myra	7	Isaiah 28.1-13	Matthew 12.38-end
Thurs 7, Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith	42	Isaiah 28.14-end	Matthew 13.1-23
Fri 8, The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	25	Isaiah 29.1-14	Matthew 13.24-43
Sat 9 Dec	9	Isaiah 29.15-end	Matthew 13.44-end

Banns of Marriage: None to publish 03/12/2017

SERVICES for Sunday 10 December, Advent 2

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Peter’s Church, Inkberrow |
| 9.30am | Family Communion | St Paul’s Church, Cookhill |
| 9.30am | Traditional Holy Communion | St Peter’s Church, Inkberrow |
| 11.00am | Patronal Eucharist | St Nicholas’ Church, Dormston |
| 11.00am | Ignyte | St Peter’s Hall, Inkberrow |
| 1.30pm | Baptism | St Peter’s Church, Inkberrow |

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