

St Nicholas Church, Mavesyn Ridware
Notices - Sunday 19th December. 2021



UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES				
	Hamstall Ridware St Michael and All Angels	Kings Bromley All Saints	Mavesyn Ridware St Nicholas	Yoxall St Peter
December 19	4.00pm Carol Service	9.00am Communion (Said)	5.00pm Carol Service	7.00pm Carol Service
December 24		4.30pm Crib Service	8pm 'Midnight' Mass	3pm Crib Service (Younger age) 6pm Crib Service (Older age) 11.30pm Midnight Mass
December 25		10am Christmas Day		10am Parish Eucharist
December 26	10.30am United Benefice Eucharist			
January 2		10.30am Benefice Eucharist		
January 9		10.30am Parish Eucharist	9.00am Said Eucharist	10.30am Parish Eucharist

Welcome If you are here for the first time, or you are a relatively new arrival or simply visiting please introduce yourself. If you need help or have questions please talk to the Church Wardens. They will be hovering by the door looking to be of help.

Bring a Friend to Church

During lock down many people were exploring prayer and faith, some perhaps for the first time, others were finding a way back. Your friends and neighbours are likely to be among them. If you know someone is on the path of searching and discovery why not offer to accompany them to church, to explain why it's important to you and act as an enabler? It's a lovely thing to do. Please consider it.

Please remember in your prayers: Betty, Jo, Bob, Denis Willbond, Glenda Ogden, Janet Grocott, Mary Wright.

Please remember those who live and work in the Nursing, Care and Retirement homes in the villages both in and near the parishes of the United Benefice.

Face Masks: All churches in the benefice have been asked to remind their congregations that the wearing of facemasks when entering, leaving or moving around in church would be appreciated. Once seated facemasks may be removed.

United Benefice Service at Hamstall Ridware, St Stephen's Day, 10.30am Sunday 26th December 2021

Come and find out why we celebrate the first Christian martyr straight after the birth of Jesus.

Don't wear your best clothes: wear your warmest clothes.

Please feel free to bring blankets and hot water bottles if you want.

I will have hand-warmers tucked in all my pockets!

Everyone is welcome,

Deborah

Revd Deborah would like to wish everyone in the parishes a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

Bereavement support: Are you struggling to cope with the death of someone close to you? AtaLoss provides a comprehensive website hub of bereavement support and information for anyone struggling with their grief and for those supporting bereaved people. You can easily search and find support from the many hundreds of services listed, confident that the details are accurate and up to date, cover the whole of the UK and offer choices across the full range of support available. Don't struggle alone - there is practical information, a library of helpful things to read and a FREE live web-chat counselling service available to help anyone who has been bereaved, whatever the circumstances. Go to www.ataloss.org

Food Bank. Please do remember the Food Banks. They are needed now more than ever. If you wish to donate directly to Rugeley Foodbank at Rugeley Community Centre, the Centre is now only open for foodbank sessions i.e. 2.00 pm-4.00 pm Tuesdays and Fridays. Alternatively, the Rugeley Food Bank welcomes financial contributions – see <https://rugeley.foodbank.org.uk>

From Lichfield Cathedral diary

Christmas Tree Festival – Until Sunday 3 January.

Open: Monday-Friday 11.00-15.45

Saturday 10.00-17.30

Sunday 12.30-17.30

(with closure during services)

The Cathedral Friends have organised this year's Christmas Tree Festival and are delighted that 44 trees have been sponsored and decorated by local schools, businesses and voluntary organisations. The Festival not only attracts many visitors to the Cathedral, it helps the Friends raise funds that they give to Cathedral projects, it helps the community celebrate Christmas and gives people an opportunity to think, pray, reflect and remember. The Festival is a popular and welcome "way in" for many people to the Cathedral. Please support it with your interest, generosity and good will.

Cathedral Illuminated 2021: The Manger – Until Wednesday 22 December 17:30 onwards

The award-winning 'The Cathedral Illuminated' returns to Lichfield Cathedral with an enjoyable and COVID-secure experience for everyone.

Wrap up warm and kick off the festive season with this spectacular light and sound show by the artistic collaboration, Luxmuralis. This year's event 'The Manger' is composed of beautiful imagery depicting everything 'Christmassy' and a stunning re-telling of the Christmas story - a truly festive experience for all of the family.

Book tickets for via the Cathedral website www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Invite your neighbours and bring your friends and family!

A message from Churches Together in Lichfield – Christmas Day Together 2021

We are delighted to announce that we plan to hold a Christmas Day celebration at Wade Street Church this year. We are mindful, however, that some guests may not want to join in person and would prefer to have a Christmas Day delivery as we did last year. We therefore need volunteers to help with the following:-

1. DELIVERIES - These will take place between 11.00- 12.00 on Christmas Day. You will be required to collect the meals from Wade Street Church at your allotted time. You will be required to wear a mask, gloves and carry alcohol based hand gel. In addition, you will need a cool box with ice pack to carry the chilled meals.
2. FESTIVE PHONE CALLS - These will take place between 16.00-19.00 on

Christmas Day and you will be required to call your allocated guests for no longer than 15 minutes.

3. PREPARATIONS - On Christmas Eve at Wade Street church you will be required to help packing boxes, preparing the hall and peeling vegetables.

4. COLLECTING GUESTS - On Christmas Day you will be required to collect guests from their homes in the morning and drive then to Wade Street Church. In the afternoon around 16.00. you will then pick them up and drive them home.

5. HOSTS - On Christmas Day from 12.15 - 16.30 'hosts' are required for our guests at Wade Street church.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles, or if you know anyone who might like to attend as a guest or would like a meal delivered, please contact Gaynor Baldwin by emailing gaynorbaldwin@aol.com or telephone 07989 855965

Dementia Dates for your diary

Sunday 16 January, 12.15-13.00 "The Disappearance of Eliza Grey", a dementia-themed play

Fridays 21, 28 January, 4, 18 February, 14.00-16.00, dementia friendly cathedral workshops

Revd Jeremy Brading jeremybrading@gmail.com 01543 472565

Kate Beechey (Reader) 01543 493556

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults: If you have any concerns, please speak in complete confidence to the Parish Safeguarding Officer Mrs Kate Beechey or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser Mr Neil Spiring 01543 306030

**Items for notices for next Sunday to Paul Marriott by Thursday please.
email paul.marriott50@gmail.com**