

# St. George's Church

## Newsletter Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 18



**We give you a warm welcome to church, we hope you are blessed as we praise and give thanks to God.**

**This morning we thank Penny Crosswell for bringing us God's word and Kevin York for leading us in worship.**

If you would like to receive prayer after the service, please speak to a member of the prayer team who will be at the back of the church. Words to the songs, hymns and bible readings are projected onto the screen during the service, however, if you would like a hymn book or bible please speak to a **welcomer**, who this week are **Dave and Karen Southwood**.

**Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.**

### Duty Elder

Linda York

### Adeyfield Elder

Shirley Ford

### Preaching Next Sunday

Gill Griffin

### Youth Groups

Children and young people are welcome to join their groups in the hall at about 11am. Please ensure the leaders know of any relevant health or allergy information.

### **Thank you lunch**

Members of Adeyfield Free Church are planning to provide a hot lunch of turkey and ham pie with vegetables followed by Christmas pudding (and vegetarian alternative) on Sunday 16th December. There will be 40 spaces available and NO charge for the St Georges attendees. We hope that this will be an opportunity to celebrate together. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or let Julie in the office know, no later than Sunday 9th December and also advise me of any dietary requirements / allergies.



### **Christmas Choirs**

Every Sunday from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec we will be having mini taster choirs during the morning service. Everyone can join in as everyone can sing (well maybe not Jim!) Just turn up to the Friday evening practice.

The 9 Lessons and Carols service is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. If you would like to be part of this choir there will be practices on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please speak to Nicky Flynn for more details.

### **Readers for Nine Lessons and Carols Service**

If you would like to do a reading at the 9 lessons and carols service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10:30am, please speak to Nicky Flynn on 07748 965405 or [nicky@flynnfamily.uk](mailto:nicky@flynnfamily.uk)

**Mince Pies** – As is tradition at St George's we will be offering mince pies with refreshments after each service in December. Please bring in donations of home-made or shop bought to be used, these can be left in the kitchen. Many thanks.

**“Making mature and active disciples of Jesus Christ,  
who worship God and show God's love inside and outside the church.”**

**Navigators** (who are a quiet bunch) are looking to do a travelling meal before Christmas and we are looking for people to host a course each at their homes for approx 10 people.

Starter (soup?),

Main course (not necessarily Christmas dinner - could be burger/chips or something like that?)

Dessert course and last of all a Christmas games and sweets/ last soft drink. Could be in the church hall?

We do have a vegetarian to cater for as well.

If you are willing and able on a Thursday before Christmas, please let Kevin and Linda York know.

### **Help needed for refreshments at special event – Saturday 15th December 2-4pm**

On Saturday 15th December Expressions Dance Academy are holding a Nativity Afternoon here at St. George's where they will be inviting families to come and watch an interactive retelling of the nativity story whilst they paint their own ceramic figures as a craft activity. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon. If you can help, please see Angela Such as soon as possible.

### **Gift Service**

Our Gift Service this year will be on Sunday 16th December when you are invited to bring a Christmas gift for someone in need. This year we will be supporting Alternatives Watford Pregnancy Crisis & Support Centre. You are invited to bring a gift of one of the items listed below which will be given to mums-to-be who are in financial need or living in challenging situations via the Baby Box Project. To find out more about the charity see the website [www.alternativeswatford.co.uk](http://www.alternativeswatford.co.uk) or pick up a leaflet from the back of church about the Baby Box project. Please bring your gift to the service on 16th December. Thank you.

Suggested gifts

Nappies (Newborn/Size 1)

Baby Clothes (0-3 months)

Baby Towel

Top n Tail Bowl

Baby Toy or Teddy

Pack of Bibs or Muslins

Baby Blanket

Baby Toiletries

### **Carol Singing**

The St. George's singers will be doing a "pop up" singalong at Highview Lodge, Gadebridge, on Saturday Dec 1st at 3pm. It will be our usual Christmas programme of carols and songs, so there is no need to rehearse – just come along! Further details from Denise Chennells, thank you. [denise.chennell@coolemail.co.uk](mailto:denise.chennell@coolemail.co.uk)

We are also hoping to sing Carols at Hemel Station to raise money for Rennie Grove Hospice care as we have done in previous years. Pencil in your diary 7th Dec. 5-7pm, We're awaiting confirmation.

No experience required. Please let Penny Crosswell know if you can make it.

**DENS Christmas cards** will be on sale from Dave Greenwood and Carol Wolstencroft from AFC.

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