



THE PARISH CHURCH OF KESWICK ST JOHN DECEMBER 2018

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Rev Charles writes:

How patient are You?

I suspect that we all like to think that we are very patient, have loads of time for everybody else, have loads of time for ourselves too (but then feel guilty about having time for ourselves).

But then something happens and all of a sudden we realize that we are not quite as patient as we like to think we are! A tourist drives at 20mph down the road in front of us to admire the views and we want to get on; a tradesman said they would be there at 10 and its now 11; the vicar said he might call and he didn't All sorts of things happen.

And the result?

We feel frustrated, annoyed, let down, wound up – I could carry on.

Advent is a great time for those of us who can be impatient. For Advent is all about waiting Yes, I know the Christmas tree goes in, I know carols are sung, special services are held. But we are not quite there. We have to hold it back, restrain ourselves as we look forward. Our anticipation must be muted so that we can fully 'let-rip' when we arrive at Christmas!

Advent then is a season of many lessons for us all. Get ready? Yes. Look forward? Yes. Wish you had arrived and it was all underway? Yes. But wait!

It is in the waiting that we discover God. It is in the waiting that we can open ourselves to God and his possibilities for us and for our Church, for his church. November was a wonderful time. Mad, excessive, but so much good was

achieved. Not because we had planned it that way. But because God blessed it that way. SO Many came to pray, to visit, to experience and reflect on 'remembrance'. But lots of us were left happy and tired.

Now we need to re-charge. We need to wait on God and say here we are – lead us by your Spirit so we may follow you. Then we, led by the Spirit, in the power of the Spirit, go 'for for it'!

PARISH DIARY December 2018

Morning Prayer is said in church most Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am and on Wednesdays at 8.30 in the Crosthwaite Parish Room

Saturday 1st 8.30am Keswick Christian Men's Breakfast at the Honey Pot

Sunday 2nd Advent Sunday

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

4.30pm Advent Fayre Service

Mon 3rd 4.30pm Rainbows

Tues 4th 10 am Toddlers Group, Church

2pm Mothers' Union Advent Service in church followed by tea

Wed 5th 7.30pm Julian Prayer Group – Church Canon Cameron Butland

Thurs 6th 10.45am Eucharist

Fri 7th 1.45 – 3pm Christmas Songs, Carols, Tea and cake Crosthwaite Parish Room (Suitable for those with Dementia and their Carers)

7:30pm Choir Practice

Sat 8th 1-4pm Christmas Fair in church

Sunday 9th Advent 2

8 am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

4-6pm Messy Church

6 pm Evening Service Methodist Church

Mon 10th 4.30pm Rainbows

Tues 11th 7pm Intercessory Prayer Group

7:30pm Cameo Christmas Party Bishop's House

Thurs 13th 10.45am Eucharist

Fri 14th 2-4pm Knit and Natter at Sue's House

7:30pm Choir Practice

Sat 15th 7pm Open House at the Vicarage with mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 16th Advent 3

8am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Said Eucharist with prayers for healing

Mon 17th 4.30pm Rainbows

Tues 18th 1.30 St Herbert School Christmas Service attended by the
Mothers' Union

2.30pm MU Christmas cheer

Wed 19st 3.00 Barnadoes Staff Carol Service

7.30pm Julian Prayer Group Church Valerie Molly

Thus 20th 10.45am Eucharist

Fri 21st 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 22nd 8.30am Ladies Monthly Prayer Breakfast

Crosthwaite Sunday School Room.

Sunday 23rd Advent 4

8 am Eucharist

10 am Said Eucharist with hymns (no choir)

3.30pm Choir practice

6 pm Town and Parish Candlelit Carol Service

Mon 24th Christmas Eve

10.00am Set & 'rehearse' Chrtsingle Service – volunteers welcome!

4pm Crib Service and Christingle Service

6.00pm Choir sing carols at the Keswick Hotel

10.00pm Street Carols outside the Skiddaw Hotel

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Tues 25th Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Sung Family Eucharist

Wed 26th

Thurs 27th 10.45am Eucharist

Fri 28th No choir practice

Sat 29th

Sun 30th 1st Sunday of Christmas

NO 8am Eucharist or 6pm Evening Prayer

10 am Sung Eucharist

Mon 31st Closing date for entries to Mothers' Union Quiz in aid of Messy Church

January 6th Epiphany 8am Eucharist

10.30am Covenant Service at Keswick Methodist Church

No 10am service

6pm Festival of Lessons, Carols and Poems for Epiphany