

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER PRIZE:** I would like to say a sincere thank you for the beautiful hamper that was 1st prize in the Christmas raffle. I was the lucky person to win this lovely prize. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to it and to the person who put it all together. Janet Sanders

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Christmas Carols by candlelight Sunday December 22nd at 4pm  
Christmas Eve Crib Service Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm  
Midnight in Bethlehem Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.00pm  
Family Communion Christmas Day December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

**Paddox Methodist Church** Dunsmore Avenue, CV22 5HD

Cribs for Christmas.

An exhibition of Nativity scenes from home and abroad.

Craft activities for children.

Nativity trail around the local shops.

Sunday 15th December 2:00 -4:00pm Tea, coffee and mince pies available.

**WEEKLY ECO-TIP: Go Zero Waste:** The ultimate goal. Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.

**Reduce Purchases:** In general, think before you buy any product - do you really need it? How did the production of this product impact the environment and what further impacts will there be with the disposal of the product (and associated packaging materials)?

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WELCOME TO

**St Peter & St John Church**

*As a Church our Aim is to grow closer to God, to grow closer to each other, to grow closer to the community*

**Sunday 15th December**

**Hope—John the Baptist prepares us**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Revd Sheila Bridge, Gail Richmond

**5.00pm Breathe**

**This Week**

<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Pjs Toddler Group
	12.00pm	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Community Lunch
	7.30pm	Blue Christmas Service
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am	St Andrews Benn Assembly
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am	Pjs Toddler Group (soft play)

**Next Sunday 22nd December**

**Hope—God comes into the World**

<b>Service:</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Carol Service
<b>Reading:</b>	Luke 2: 1-7	

## Today's reading taken from the New Living Translation.

### **Luke 3: 1-18**

It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him! The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth. And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.'" When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire." The crowds asked, "What should we do?" John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?" He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires." "What should we do?" asked some soldiers. John replied, "Don't extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay." Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.



### **This week's prayer**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Those who need our prayer:**

Marjorie Sims Kenneth Timson, Jonathan Price Kirsty Holt, Edwina Goodwin, Rachael Coysh, Kim Morton, Fiona Humphrey, Claire Boulton, Claire Worster, Julie Young, Susan & Trevor Vann, Brian Copperwheat, Liz.

*If you would like to add a name to this prayer list please contact  
jenny@peterjohnchurch.org.uk*

### **Each week we have a different focus for prayer:**

Our children's groups attached to Church:

Our uniformed groups in their various activities. PJ's Toddler Group.

### **As a Church we are also praying for:**

*We are remembering/celebrating the following in December*

**Birthdays:** 16th David W, 18th Mike C, **25th Jesus.**

**Anniversaries:** 18th Mandy & Steve C.

**Memorials:** 31st Fay Barnett.

### **God at Work:**

We give thanks for the charitable donations made by this Church to Toybox ( who support street children in South America) and Hope 4 (who work with the homeless in Rugby). Next month we have agreed to send a donation to support a charity in the Holy Land.