

We Commit to Worship, Share and Care

The Parish of Prenton The Congregation of St Stephen & St Alban

Today's Services **4th Sunday of Advent**
18th December 2011

9.15am	Morning Worship
11.00am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Carol Service



Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

9.15am	Luke 1.26-38(968)
11.00am	Romans 16.25-27(1079) Luke 1.26-38(968)
6.30pm	Carol Service

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.
"May it be to me according to your word."
Then the angel left her. (Luke 1.38)*

Gift Aid If you are donating any money to the church, no matter how small the amount, and you pay standard rate income tax, please complete a form and place it in the box at the back of church. This means we can claim back tax on your donation. E.g. money for flowers.

Bible Readings for Morning Prayer Mon 19th to Sat 24th December

Day	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament
Monday:	Malachi 1.1,6-end	146	Matthew 19.1-12
Tuesday:	Malachi 2.1-16	46	Matthew 19.13-15
Wednesday:	Malachi 2.17-3.12	121	Matthew 19.16-end
Thursday:	Malachi 3.13-end of 4	124	Matthew 23.1-12
Friday:	Nahum 1	130	Matthew 23.13-28
Saturday: Christmas Eve	Obadiah 3.14-end	45	Matthew 23.29-end

Parish Diary. 19th December onwards

Mon-Fri 8.30 - 9.00am **Morning Prayer in Lady Chapel**
Tues 20th 8.00pm Ministry Meeting—Noble Room
Wed 21st 10.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee morning.
 11.30am Baptism Preparation Meeting - Church

24th December Christmas Eve

6.00pm Nativity Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96
 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-20

25th December Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion Isaiah 52.7-10 John 1.1-14
10.00am All Age Family Communion Isaiah 52.7-10 John 1.1-14

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES Please note that there will only be one service on Sunday 1st January at 11.00am.

For Our Prayers:-

The Parish: We pray this week for the people of Acrefield Road
Acrefield Court

Those On Our Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick, including: Andrew, Stephen Riley, Jean Scott, Morgan Gilbert, Vernon Schwarz, Shaun, Terry Ackers, Chris Horton, Pat Caton, Jill Parrington, Granville Higson, Derek Holland, Ian Oliver, Brian Stowell-Smith, John Penman, Leigh Lautenbach.

Prayers from St Stephen's Prayer Diary for the 18th.....

Our Church Finances and the Offering of all we are.

We pray for all those involved with our finances in the parish.

We lift to God our financial serious position and pray that all in our congregation would offer their time and money, giving thankfully for the ongoing work of God in this community and the continuing of the life of this parish.

From Chester Diocese Cycle of Prayer - ADVENT 4

Wyoming- (Province VI, USA)

The Rt Revd Bruce Edward Caldwell.

Those who have died... Irene Margaret Smith, Elizabeth McCarthy

NOTICES

'Father Christmas' Panto Tickets are available from the Parish Office 608 3638 or Brenda Maddox 608 8326. Price £5 and child £3

Performances: **Wed 21st, Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd December 7.30pm in the Barrett Hall.**

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Christmas Fayre. The social committee would like to thank all those who donated prizes and various articles and gifts for the Fayre on the 3rd December. The amount raised exceed all expectation. A total in excess of £1600 was raised. Thank you all.

Sick If anyone knows that a member of the congregation is ill or in hospital, or would like Christmas home communion, please contact the Parish Office, Wayne or Heather with details.

Save on Christmas cards and help The Ark, add your tag to the card on the pillar by the coffee table in Church

From Dot, many thanks for prayers and best wishes, hand has healed nicely.

Many thanks to all who supported the scout post.

Sunday 18th December 2011
9.15 Theme: - Waiting with faithfulness

Pre Service:

223 I lift my hands
OHP All about You

Service 9.15:

Welcome and introduction

First song **1007** Soon and very soon

Confession and forgiveness

OHP All about You
(Children leave for Junior Church during this song)

Reading **Luke 1.26-38**

1419 Light of the world

Sermon

1381 Jesus Christ is waiting
(Children return from Junior Church during this song)

Prayers including Lord's Prayer –

Notices/News, Collection, Birthdays, Junior Church ...

520 Tell out my soul

Juice/Tea/Coffee and tidy up

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