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United Benefice of:  
Bolterstone and  
Deepcar and Stocksbridge

Loving God



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## Cornerstone Newsletter

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### December 2018

Spotlight on....

#### The Alternative Advent Calendar

This Advent why not try something different. Instead of each day opening traditional advent calendars to find a chocolate etc., why not find a box, basket or bag and **give** an item for the Foodbank on each day of Advent. Rather than just filling a bag in one go, it might be better to give one item a day and as you do, to consciously take a moment to pray for those who are struggling and for the work of the Foodbank.

(Your full boxes can be brought along to church at Christmas)

**It's Good to Share**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10am in Fox Valley**

## PIRATE Christmas

At the beginning of advent we anticipate the true meaning of Christmas

**Twentyfour Hours of Prayer for the Valley, and the Valley churches.**

**8.00pm Friday 7th Dec - 8.00pm Saturday 8th Dec.**

Meeting together for the first and last hours 8.00-9.00pm Friday and 7.00-8.00pm Saturday in the Christian Centre on Cedar Road.

The rest of the hour slots will be allocated between the 3 churches in Cornerstone Benefice to ask people to sign up to pray at home or wherever, for a 1 hour slot. The contact persons for signing up for the slots are:-

The Christian Centre - Rachael Horner ( 07899 791410 )

St.John's - Kevin Hartshorn ( 07415 065977 )

St.Mary's - Liz Pendlebury ( 0114 2831238 & 07962 668650 )

Guidelines for praying and information leaflet will be available in churches from Sunday 25th November

## **Special Events and Activities in December (and beyond)**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Pirate Christmas @ Fox Valley from 10am**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Activity Nativity @ The Christian Centre - 3pm (There will be no morning service on this date)**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ Café Church in Christ Church – 6pm – Holy Habits (Gladness and generosity)**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 7.30pm – PCC meeting

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 9.30am – Mid-week service (Holy Communion)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre – 8-9pm – Launch of Twentyfour Hours of Prayer**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ St. John's – 9.30am – Cleaning, Gardening, Prayer and Decorating morning

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre – 7-8pm – Closing the Twentyfour Hours of Prayer**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 1.45pm – Stocksbridge Junior School "Christingle"

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre - 12.30pm - Tuesday lunch (Christmas lunch)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ St. John's – 2pm – St. John's School Carol Service

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 9.30am – Mid-week service (Morning Prayer)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm--Grouse & Grumble @ Red Grouse tap room. Men's topical chat group

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre 1-4pm-Christmas lunch + Carol Singing**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ St. John's – 4pm – Carols by Candlelight**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 6.30pm – Carols in the square followed by carols for Remembering**



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ Alpine Lodge – 2.30pm – Carol Singing

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 9.30am – Mid-week service (Holy Communion)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ Belmont House – 2.30pm – Carol Singing

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 4pm – Christingle**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December @ St. John's – 9am – Holy Communion**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December @ The Christian Centre - 10.30am--Nativity Service.**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 10.45am – Nativity Service**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December @ St. John's – 10.45am – Nativity Service**



**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December @ St. John's – 4pm – Carols round the crib**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 11.30pm – Midnight Communion**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December @ St. John's – 9.45am – Family Christmas Communion**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre - 10am--Christmas Morning service**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 11am – Family Christmas Communion**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 9.30am – No mid-week service

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December @ St. John's – 9.45am – Family Communion

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre - 10.30am--Morning Worship

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December @ St. Mary's – 11am – Lessons, Carols & Communion

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December @ The Christian Centre - 4pm--Exalt service

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December @ The Christian Centre - 4pm--Carols by Candlelight**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January @ The Christian Centre is a joint covenant service at 10.30am**

Find out more from the Cornerstone churches on 'A Church Near You'

- St. Johns Church - [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17495](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17495)
- Christian Centre - [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/22182](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/22182)
- St. Mary's Church - [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17490](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17490)

## WORDS TO REMEMBER

### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## BAD JOKE

Don't Use store cards to scrape snow and ice off the windshield of your car.....  
You will only get up to 20% off

### Thought for December from Cornerstone

The anticipation through Advent begins way before December with advertisements and shops encouraging us to have the perfect Christmas. Advent, though, is a time for reflection as we prepare ourselves both spiritually and practically for Christmas. We pray for all those who are involved in these and other events and activities in and across our communities.

As we anticipate Christmas we pray that people will get a glimpse of the Wonder of the Manger and find that the Greatest Treasure is in the Incarnation, the birth of our Saviour Jesus. May Advent be a time of refreshment, encouragement and renewal.

<p><b>St John's Church</b> 65 Manchester Road, Deepcar, S36 2QX Phone: 0114 2851225 Website: <a href="http://www.saintjohns.co.uk">www.saintjohns.co.uk</a> Facebook: StJohnsDeepcar</p>	<p><b>Christian Centre</b> Cedar Road and Pothouse Lane, Stocksbridge, S36 1AS Email: <a href="mailto:christiancentrestocksbridge@gmail.com">christiancentrestocksbridge@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.stocksbridgechristiancentre.com">www.stocksbridgechristiancentre.com</a></p>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> The Village Square, Bolsterstone Phone: 0114 2851225 Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbolsterstone">@stmarysbolsterstone</a></p>
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Please email – [s36cornerstone@gmail.com](mailto:s36cornerstone@gmail.com) with views, comments or content for the newsletter  
December Newsletter will be available from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
Deadline for content is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Weddings and Baptism by arrangement

St. John's and St.Mary's  
Rev'd Hilda Isaacson 0114 285 1225  
[hilda.isaacson@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto:hilda.isaacson@sheffield.anglican.org)

Christian Centre  
Rev'd James H. Grayson – 07780 701116