

St. Luke's Church, Goostrey



NOTICE SHEET ADVENT SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2016 MORNING PRAYER



A very warm welcome to the community here at St Luke's where worship has been offered on this site since 1150 and this building was consecrated in 1792 to provide a new Church and place of worship for the village of Goostrey. A special welcome to Gary Bowness who will be officiating at this morning's service. An induction loop system operates here. If you make use of a hearing aid, please switch to "T" for enhanced sound. Please ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones and pagers are switched off.

Our Mission Statement: To be a welcoming witness to the love of God in our community: Prayer ☩ Care 4 our Community. Our door is always open.

Our Hymns for today:

Advent Hymn Verse 1	Advent Candles tell the story (<i>printed on sheet</i>)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	87 Colours of day
GRADUAL HYMN:	171 Hark the glad sound
OFFERTORY HYMN:	3 A man there lived
RECESSIONAL HYMN:	Longing for light (<i>printed on sheet</i>)

Advent candles tell the story
As we watch and pray,
Longing for the day of glory,
"Come, Lord, soon" we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness,
on that day.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 122

Jerusalem! How glad I was

when they invited me
to climb with them the mount of prayer,
the place of majesty:
Jerusalem! Within your gates
our willing feet have stood,
and there we raised our voices high
to fill the house of God.

Jerusalem! A city built
compact and walled around;
the sacred tribes ascended here
and made their psalms resound.
Let us, like Israel, go up
to pay the Lord our dues,
to hear the judgements of the law.
the joy of God's good news.

Jerusalem! may you have peace,
your people long endure:
may all your citizens be safe,
your towers and streets secure.
For brothers, sisters, friends, I pray
let peace return again;
O Lord our God, meet us in grace,
in glory come to reign!

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW BIBLE): Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 13: 11 - 14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus

Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 24: 36 - 44

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

ADDRESS Gary Bowness

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us,

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light.....

Longing for food, many are hungry,

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light.....

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light.....

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

St. Peter's, Swettenham 6.30 pm Advent Carol Service

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 30 th	8.45 am	Coffee and Chat Holy Communion

Next Sunday

Holy Communion 8.00 am
Parish Communion 9.45 am

**WEDNESDAY MORNING
SCHOOL RUN DONE?**



Don't chat in the cold and
wet come into St Luke's
from 8.45 am.

**COFFEE AND CHAT
ALL WELCOME!**



A special **THANK
YOU** to everyone who
contributed and helped
at yesterday's
Christmas Fair. The
amount raised will be
announced shortly.