



The Lion

A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's Church, Basford

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Read Your Bibles, and Read them again!

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3.16-17)

Beloved,

I have just returned after a wonderful quiet day with our house group. A small group of us gathered at St Chad's House in Leek where Reader Janet led us to contemplate the Prodigal Son, the Good Shepherd and the Vine.

(This was a bit of a trial for future Quiet Days/Retreats – so please don't feel left out – we are thinking through opportunities that we can do as upcoming events to grow our spirituality - watch this space...)

On reflection, as individuals we all appreciated the time to be 'away' from the normal elements of life and to be allowed to be quiet – as the retreat was in silence.

It's really good that we allow ourselves time to be still, to be silent and to be intentional in our prayer, scripture reading and continued growth as disciples.

We were allowed the chance to sit with the scriptures and read (and re-read) them through, to live the stories, to recall them, to put ourselves in them and imagine, to mark ourselves as characters, to read until a single word or phrase stands out and speaks to us of God afresh.

We are just approaching the Last Sunday of the Long Season of Trinity, and it is marked by Bible Sunday, where we are encouraged by Saint Paul as to why we have the words given to us, and where we can find hope and life in every word.

The Collect Prayer for Bible Sunday speaks of how to use the scriptures: "help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us..." because we have been given the fulfilment of the Book of Life – we find this in the Word become Flesh (why it must almost soon be Christmas?!)

Please do use your November well, get some reading in, get some stillness in, for next time I write we shall already be in the waiting of Adventus!

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We are about to be stirred up my children,
like you have no-idea!...

Blessings, In Christ,

Your Shepherd, Fr Tommy

Worship Services during November at St Mark's

3rd	All Saints Sunday	10:15am	Holy Communion
6 th	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
8 th	Friday	10.45am	Funeral
10th	Remembrance	10:15am	Holy Communion
	All Souls	4.00pm	Requiem Mass
13 th	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
17th	2nd before Advent	10:15am	Family Worship
20 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
24th	Christ the King	10:15am	Holy Communion
27 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Remembrance Sunday:

Please note on Sunday 10th November, the Remembrance Service at St Mark's church, Basford will be at the normal time of 10.15 am. However, Mass at St Margaret's church, Wolstanton will be at the later time of 10.00am followed by a service at the Cenotaph War Memorial.

All Souls' Service:

A requiem Mass will take place at St Mark's church, Basford on **Sunday 10th November, at 4:00pm**, during which names will be read and candles lit in memory of loved ones.

Wreath-making workshop:

Come and join us on **30th November between 11.00am and 3.00pm** for soup cake and Christmas wreath making which you will take home with you. A few Tickets are still available priced at £25, which includes all materials, instructions, soup, cake and drinks.

Diary Dates for November

16 th	Saturday	11:00am	Christmas Coffee Morning
26 th	Tuesday	7.00pm	PCC meeting
30 th	Saturday	11:00am	Soup and Wreath Workshop

Early December Dates

1 st	Sunday	4.00pm	Advent Carol Service
7 th	Saturday	4.00pm	Christmas Lunch
12 th	Thursday	5.00pm	Seedlings Party
15 th	Sunday	10.15am	NO SERVICE
15 th	Sunday	4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
24 th	Tuesday	4.30pm	Crib service
24 th	Tuesday	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

Christmas Crafts & Coffee morning:

Come and join us at St Mark's church for a natter over tea/coffee and cake while having a look at our Christmas



stalls on **16th November 11.00am- 1.00pm**

Advent Carol Service:

We will be starting our Christian New Year with an Advent Carol Service. This will take place on **1st December at 4:00pm.**