

**Welcome to our services**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016**



*...make straight paths for him  
 (Isaiah 40 & Matthew 3)*

**A WAY INTO PRAYER:** As the great prophet John went into the wilderness to prepare the ground for Jesus, give us the courage to face the wilderness moments in our life in order that we may be changed and renewed. Make us ready to hear and respond to the One who is to come.

**CATHY NIGHTINGALE** will be installed Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral 5.30pm Dec 11th at Manchester Cathedral and anyone who wants to is welcome to go to the service. There is no need for tickets. Cathy asked us to tell you that it will be choral evensong – she wants to head off any complaints. A lot of the team will be preparing for and hosting the memorial service so it would be really good if a few people from Blackley could go and support Cathy and pray for her. We will be very proud to have a Canon as part of the family!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES...** We have managed to add in some more services this year and to allow midnight and Christmas services to happen in each church. All of the carol services will take place through the afternoon and evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> though times may differ from last year to accommodate them all.

**YASHA...** Sunday evening sees the return of the YASHA service at St Andrew's at 6.30pm. It is an opportunity for quiet worship and prayer. Very different to Sunday morning worship and well worth experiencing. We are very keen to encourage people from all churches to access these special services wherever they are hosted and we are always ready to step in with transport.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL...**

We are hoping to supporting the BOAZ this year. They would be delighted to receive hats, scarves, gloves, chocolates and sweets which will be come gifts for the families they support. They support both men and women. There will be a poster at the back of church and a place to store gifts. Your help will be very much appreciated.

**WEBSITE/TWITTER...** Pam and Nick have been working for a couple of months on a new website and changing the social media accounts. We are now live with **www.blackleycofe.org** - there's still work to be done but take a look. The Facebook and Twitter links carry the same name of **blackleycofe**

**BABS OF BETHLEHEM...** we have a young lady at St Mary's called Emma who is part of a Christian theatre group and her company is putting on a Christmas show at The Miners in Moston on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – tickets £5 & £3. Again we'd love you to support this and we will help with tickets and transport.

<b>Monday, 5 December</b>	
09:15	Stay & Play @ St Paul's
11:30	Worship Team Prayers
<b>Tuesday, 6 December</b>	
10:00	'Pop In' at St Andrew's
10:00	Crosslee Y5 & Y6 at Crosslee
<b>Wednesday, 7 December</b>	
08:45	E-Act School Worship
<b>Thursday, 8 December</b>	
09:00	Parent and Toddler's at St Andrew's Church Hall
11:00	Quiet Space at St Peter's
14:00	Hudson Court Carol Service
<b>Saturday, 10 December</b>	
10:00	Work Team and Coffee at St Peter's
10:30	Coffee morning at St Paul's
12:00	Messy Church
<b>Sunday, 11 December</b>	
08:30	BCP service at St Paul's
10:00	10am & 11am Services at St Peter's, St Andrew's and St Paul
11:00	Young People's Carols at St Mary's
15:30	Carol Service at St Andrew's
18:30	Memorial Service St Paul's
<b>Monday, 12 December</b>	
09:15	Stay & Play @ St Paul's
19:00	St Peter PCC
<b>Tuesday, 13 December</b>	
09:00	Pike fold school worship
10:00	'Pop In' at St Andrew's
<b>Wednesday, 14 December</b>	
09:15	Bowker Vale at St Andrew's
15:30	Messy Church Lite
<b>Thursday, 15 December</b>	
09:00	Parent and Toddler's at St Andrew's Church Hall
11:00	Quiet Space at St Peter's
13:00	Silver Service Christmas Lunch
19:30	St Mary Carols with GMP Band
<b>Saturday, 17 December</b>	
10:00	Work Team and Coffee at St Peter's
10:30	Coffee morning at St Paul's

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