

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for 16th Dec 2018

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3 v 14 - 20

SECOND READING

Philippians 4 v 4-7

GOSPEL

Luke 3 v 7 - 18

Readings for 23rd Dec 2018

Micah 5 v 2 – 5a

Hebrews 10 v 5-10

Luke 1 v 39 - 45

Christmas day party at the Abbey Centre

Once again you are asked for help and prayers for Christmas day for the elderly people who would otherwise be on their own. Help is needed by Pat & Malcolm Johnson who organize the day. If you can help or know someone who would like to attend please contact Pat or Malcolm 0773 625 4241

Northampton Food Bank



As the weather gets colder and school holidays approach, the work of the Food bank increases. If you are able to support our collection there is a list of items needed and a collection box in church. Many thanks for your support.

Carols by Candlelight



Our Carols by candlelight service is this evening Sunday, 16th December at 6.00pm. Contributions of bottles of mulled wine are needed. **Please let Mary Roach know if you are able to donate a bottle**

Children's Society House Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their Children's Society box for emptying. If you do not have a Children's Society box or would like more details on what the Children's Society does please do ask. Many thanks, **Sue Wilson**

Street Pastors teams

The Street Pastors Teams will operate on all Saturday's except the 29th December. We will have a team on Friday 21st December and on New Year's eve, Monday 31st December. No teams on any other Friday. Our teams operate around the town centre and Wellingborough Road area. They start around 10.30pm-10.45pm and will be out until 3am-4am. They have a break at some point during the patrol.

We are not down to pray as a church but prayer always needed and valued. All supporting churches especially asked to pray on New year's Eve.

Please note As from this week Christmas cards featuring two designs by a Hope Centre user are being sold in aid of the Hope Centre.



Christingle Making

This will take place **today Sunday 23rd December** after the 10am Service. Everyone is welcome to help and there will be a soup lunch for all helpers. The more people we have helping, the faster we will finish! Thank you, **Marion Angus**

Church APCM Advanced notice

Although the APCM is not until 27th April, please get your reports in plenty of time i.e. by the end of February. Thankyou. **Norman Critchlow**

Carol singing



Carol singing at Tesco on Monday Dec 17th at 6.30pm followed by refreshments at St Benedict's. Do come and join us.

Postage Stamps

As you receive Christmas mail please do cut off the postage stamps (leaving a 5mm border) and put in the Leprosy Mission box in church. Thanks. **Geoffrey Goswell**

Christmas events

Fri 21st Dec 7.00pm Mr Handel's Messiah at Northampton Cathedral

New year's Eve



As last year there will be a gathering in Church for those who are not otherwise engaged and would like to come!

As from **Sunday January 6th** there will be a said service of **Holy Communion** each week at **8am**

