

Welcome to St Margaret's Frizinghall

December 2017: Bumper Advent & Christmas Edition.....

Worship in December:

- Sunday 3rd 10am Advent Sunday Service of the Word with Tim Gore
Children will be going carol-singing in nursing homes during the service
- Sunday 10th 4pm Nativity and Carol Service with our young people and Rt Revd Toby Howarth
Followed by coffee and mince pies afterwards.
School aged children are welcome at 1pm without an adult, to rehearse for the Nativity. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult. However, some extra adult helpers are needed! Please contact Mandy ASAP if you are able to help during the rehearsal. Contributions of mince pies for will be gratefully received.
Thanks
- Sunday 17th 3pm Christingle Service (Family Church) with Mandy Watkins
Come and make christingles, sing carols and enjoy refreshments together. At 1.30pm, before the service, Mandy will be hosting a tea and cake afternoon for anyone from church or the community who would like to pop in and say, "goodbye". Please see over for more details.
- Sunday 24th 3pm "Carols by Candlelight" with Ven Andy Jolley & Tim Gore
Carols and a Christmas message in a leisurely cafe-style setting with mulled wine and mince pies.
- 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Service at St Paul's Shipley
- Monday 25th 10am Informal Family Communion for Christmas morning with Ven Andy Jolley
Do bring along your Christmas presents!
- Sunday 31st 10am Service of Communion at Christ Church, Windhill
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Regular Weekday Events

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| Tuesday | 9.30-11.00am | Patch (closes for Christmas on 12th Dec, re-opens 9th Jan) |
| | 11.30am-12.30pm | Family Cafe (as above) |
| Wednesday | 10am-12pm | Places of welcome cafe and knitting group (closed 27th Dec) |
| Thursday | 10.15-11.45am | Keep-Fit for the Over 50's: Christ Church Windhill (closed 28th Dec) |
| | 1.15-2.45pm | Patch (closes for Christmas on 14th Dec, re-opening tbc) |
| | 6.30-7.15pm | Homework club (closes for Christmas on 7th Dec, re-opens 11th Jan) |
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Also happening.....

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| Sun 3rd Dec | 7.30pm | Live at Costa: Coffee with a shot of Faith | <i>See notice-board for more details</i> |
| Tues 5th Dec | 1.45-2.45pm | Prayer meeting (small hall) | |
| Wed 6th Dec | 12 for 12.30pm | Over 50s Christmas meal (church hall) | |
| | 8-9pm | Prayer meeting (Matt & Jennie's house) | |

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If this is your first time or are visiting, we're happy you are joining us today. Please feel free to join us for refreshments. If you would like to know more about St Margarets please speak to one of the welcomers, the churchwardens or service leaders. Also if you would like someone to pray with you they can introduce you to one of our prayer team.

To be added to our mailing list and to receive these notices by email, please email notices@smcf-church.org.uk. Please submit any items for inclusion using the same email address or telephone to 01274 599324 by 5pm Thursday. Thanks!

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It is the desire of this fellowship to live out and give out the good news of the love of Jesus Christ

Also happening (continued).....

Fri 8th Dec	All day	What's the Story about Christmas? <i>Every year at Christmas, we invite both year 3 classes from Frizinghall Primary School to come to St Margaret's to hear 6 Christmas stories and discover where they appear in the bible. It's educational and fun. To volunteer to help please see Helen or Trevor.</i>
Weds 13th Dec	7.00pm	Coffee & Carols: Costa Coffee <i>See notice-board for more details</i>
Thurs 14th Dec	2.30-3.30pm	Over 50s Meeting (Small hall: please note later start time) <i>Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Alistair Helm (Area Dean): please enter through the door on St Margarets Road</i>
Sat 6th Jan 2018	6-9pm	"Christmas" Social <i>Yes, it's that time of year again folks, but this year's Christmas social has a twist in that it's not this year, but at the beginning of 2018. We are as usual asking for "bring and share" drinks and savoury food. The "Bake Off" for sweet items is back by popular demand, but this also has a twist that will be revealed on the night. There will be games and quizzes on the tables, a couple of traditional party games and a Karaoke machine should you be so inclined. Come along and join the fun. Just so we know numbers, if you're intending to come please add your name to the sign-up sheet which will be going up at the back of church shortly, and indicate what contribution you can bring. If you'd like more info please see Claire, Jonathan or Eleanor Middlemass.</i>

News & Announcements

Mandy Watkins: Mandy is leaving us at Christmas and is moving on to new work, running her own business in mental health first aider training. During the many years the family has worshipped here at St Ms and her 5½ years as our Childrens and Families Outreach worker, we have been blessed by Mandy's dedication to her work, her love for our community, the relationships she has built up and her pastoral care for those she's served. Mandy will be greatly missed and we pray for God's blessing on the next chapter in her journey.

Mandy's last service with us will be on Sunday 17th December, so please do come along and support her and say goodbye. Mandy will be hosting a tea & cake afternoon at 1.30pm before the service at 3pm, and would love to see as many people as possible there.

Community Cafe: A new drop-in Cafe every Monday 9am-12pm at Frizinghall Community Centre. Please feel free to pop in for a chat and a cuppa. This is a joint project between Bradford Council, Frizinghall Community Centre and Frizinghall Medical Centre.

The Real Advent Calendar: Thanks to the generosity of those who sponsored extra calendars, and also to a discount we received from the suppliers, we have been able to donate 4 advent calendars and £20 cash to the Bradford North Food Bank. Thanks to all, and watch this space before Easter so we can do the same with the real easter eggs.

Grace Nights 2018: A night of worship, teaching and fellowship especially for women. Dates for spring/summer 2018 are Thursday 22nd February, 10th May and 5th July, 7.30-9.00pm. Do come along, if you haven't been before or would like any more info please see Beth Webber.

Prayer Chain: Don't forget that the prayer chain is available to anyone who would like confidential prayer for themselves or a friend. Please use the blue box in church, or telephone Anne Ward on 01274 581061.

Thanks and Happy Christmas!

Tim and Matt would like to thank everybody for all their effort and dedication to the Lord's work here in Frizinghall this year. More recently, with the challenging situations we've faced, your support in prayer and practical ways, however small, has been much appreciated. We look forward to continue working together "to live out and give out the good news of the love of Jesus Christ" in our community in 2018.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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