

St Mary's Weekly

Friday 5th Dec 2025

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The
**Christingle
Service**

All Welcome

Christingle Service

4pm Sun 14th December

Come and join the fun at our new format Christingle service. A great chance for all ages to celebrate Christmas and make a Christingle Orange to take home, as we remember Jesus the light of the world. Everyone is welcome to this free event with refreshments served afterward.

THIS Thursday: Soup Lunch for CAP

A Christian charity, working locally to provide free debt advice and help with Money matters

A fantastic selection of home made soups and delicious deserts. No charge but donations welcome for CAP who help people every day break free from the worry and fear of debt. You can call them for free on 0800 328 0006 or go to www.capuk.org to find out more.



St Mary's East Leake
*Soup & Dessert
Lunch*

12 noon Thursday 11th December
St Mary's Church



No set Cost. Give what you can:
Donations to the debt counseling
charity Christians Against Poverty
Everyone Welcome

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CAP



Blue Christmas Not feeling up to it this year? Then try our Blue Christmas on Saturday

20th at 4pm. This short service is a peaceful space for all who find Christmas difficult this year, for whatever reason.



Christmas All Age Worship

Our regular all age service takes on a Christmas theme. Come along and join the fun Sunday 14th December at 11am.

Costock Christmas Coffee Morning 10:30am-noon

Sat 6th Dec at Costock Village Hall. A fun morning with cakes, books, raffle, free children's activities and refreshments. Everyone welcome and all in aid of the local church.

On Sunday: 9:15am Holy Communion **11am** Morning Worship





A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

John said: 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Luke 3:16

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Bible Reading

Friday: Isaiah 49:1-7
Saturday: Isaiah 49:8-21
Sunday: Isaiah 49:18-26
Monday: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
We: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Thursday: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-10
Friday: 2 Thessalonians 3:11-18



This week's readings turn to the Old Testament prophet Isaiah and his promises of a coming saviour, Jesus Christ
www.biblica.com/online-bible

Collect for the day

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

A prayer as we preparing for Christmas

O God, whose love has been shown to us in the birth of Jesus our Saviour, help us this Christmas to find time to let your love speak to us; that we may respond to it in trust and adoration, and open our hearts to receive your grace and pardon, your joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for the Church

The Church in this land. Grant your blessing, O God, to your Church in this land, and prosper our endeavours to make our nation one in which your name is known and honoured. May increasing numbers hear and receive the good news of your love and saving power; may Christian standards triumph in public and in private life; and may your kingly rule be extended throughout our society; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for tranquility

Heavenly Father, in this age of noise and speed and restless activity, grant us tranquillity: the inner tranquillity of spirit which is theirs who trust in your sovereign love and wisdom; that as the life of the world surges around us, we may yet be still and know that you are God; through Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for the Sick

Lord Christ, shine upon all who are in the darkness of suffering or grief; that in your light they may receive hope and courage, and in your presence may find their rest and peace; for your love's sake. Amen.

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Grant, O Lord, that your love may so fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give, and nothing too hard to bear, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen *St. Ignatius*

Picture of the week



Lots going on this christmas season. Please be praying that God will be honoured in all we do, and the light of Jesus will come into people's hearts and lives this Christmas.