# NOV/DEC



## Let Your Light Shine

Well, the nights are drawing in, and the weather turning wet and cold. So, maybe it's natural for some of us to feel like hibernating, and some people feel a bit lethargic or sad. However, the Bible verse I feel God has given me to be an encouragement to us is John 8:12 – "I am the light of the world. If you follow me you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

What a wonderful reminder that however we may be feeling, Jesus is our daily light in the darkness, a lamp for our path, a lighthouse guiding us safely to shore.

For us as Christians this season brings so many exciting opportunities to share our faith and to declare that Jesus is the light that transforms people's lives. The darkness of Halloween gives us the opportunity to be the light, and one way we will be doing that is inviting families from the community to our Glow party. Then there's Christmas, with many opportunities for us as a church and personally to share about Jesus, the light coming into the world. Please pray for Messy

church as we explore these themes in November and December, along with the schools Christmas outreach puppet event on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

So, no time to hibernate! Exciting opportunities ahead!

Lord, give us the boldness and motivation to give our all to bringing your light to those

around us this season. Amen!



Jan Peters Children & Families Worker

#### NOV/DEC 2017 DATES

#### SUNDAY MORNING

#### 9am (Traditional)

5 Nov – Holy Communion 19 Nov – Service of the Word 26 Nov – Holy Communion 3 Dec – Holy Communion 10 Dec – Holy Communion 17 Dec – Holy Communion

9.45am (Remembrance Day) 12 Nov – Church Service Followed by Act of Remembrance

10.30am (Contemporary) 5 Nov – Worship, Word & Ministry 19 Nov – Engage 26 Nov – Service of the Word 3 Dec – Worship, Word & Ministry 10 Dec – Service of the Word 17 Dec – Holy Communion

31 Dec – Service of the Word, 10am

#### CHRISTMAS

Sun 17 Dec, 6pm Carols by Candlelight Sun 24 Dec, 10am Service of Word Sun 24 Dec, 4pm Family Service Sun 24 Dec, 11.30pm Midnight Communion Mon 25 Dec, 10am Christmas Celebration Mon 25 Dec, 1pm, Community Lunch

#### CHILDREN

Toddlers Thu (Term-Time). 9.30am. Centre

Play and Praise Fri (Term-Time), 10.15am, Centre

#### Messy Church Sun 12 Nov, 3.30pm Sun 3 Dec, 3.30pm

Schools Puppet Outreach Wed 6 Dec, 9.45am & 1.30pm

#### YOUTH

Café Church Tue 14 Nov, 7pm, Yarm Costa Tue 12 Dec, 7pm, Yarm Costa

Refresh Youth Service Sun 19 Nov, 6pm, Centre Sun, 10 Dec, 6pm, Centre

Youth Life Groups Tue 6-7.30pm (Years 7-9) Wed 6-8pm (Years 10-13)

Youth Club

Fri (Term-Time), 7-9pm, Centre

#### MIDWEEK

Alpha Course Thurs 28 Sep-7 Dec, Centre

#### **3G** Mon 13 & 27 No

Mon 13 & 27 Nov, 7.30pm Mon 11 Dec, 7.30pm

**Connect Lunch Club** Tue 14 Nov, 11.45am, Centre Tue 12 Dec, 11.45am, Centre

**Connect Seated Exercises** Tue 12.45pm, Centre (2pm on Lunch Club day)

Informal Holy Communion Wed 9.30am, Chapel

**Treasure Seekers** Once per month, see Karen Snowden

#### WIDER CHURCH

**Theology for Everyone** Sat 18 Nov, 9am, Stockton Parish Church

#### LEADERSHIP

#### **Standing Committee**

Mon 6 Nov, 7.30pm, Vicarage Mon 27 Nov, 7.30pm, Vicarage

#### РСС

Mon 20 Nov, 7.30pm, Library Mon 11 Dec, 7.30pm, Library

Ministry Development Team Wed 8 Nov, 7.30pm, Vicarage

**Deanery Synod** Mon 13 Nov, 7.15pm, St Mary's Norton

**Pastoral Care Team** Thu 16 Nov, 7.30pm Thu 14 Dec, 7.30pm

#### PRAYER

Half Night of Prayer Thu 23 Nov – 7pm

Ablaze Prayer Meeting Sun 5 Nov, 6pm, Centre

Morning Prayer Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am,

#### ABLAZE prayer

All Saints' Church Preston on Tees Sunday 5 November 6pm, All Saints' Centre



### Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12 November, 9.45am

#### **SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER**

6pm - Carols by Candlelight

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

10am - Service of the Word 4pm - Family Christmas Special 11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10am - Christmas Morning Celebration 1pm - Community Lunch

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