

St Paul's Church, Coven

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'A place of sanctuary within the community'

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***For those who are sick and lonely; that they may
know the love, peace and strength of Christ:***

Jo Hadley, Anne, Linda, Rita, Jim Watson, Monica,
Adam Jones, Eddie, Dennis, Beryl, Kath Edwards,
Rosemary, Sheila Beamish, Pauline Bevan, Joshua,
Baby Freddie, Bob, Jane Chester, Margaret Rose,
Mike Hampson and Katie & Gary Banks.

***For those who have recently died in the faith of
Christ and for all whose anniversaries fall at this
time*** Phyllis Snape, Joseph Perry, Henry Bickford and
Olga Littlehales. Rest eternal grant to them O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they
rest in peace ***and rise in glory.***

A prayer for this time

Lord, we pray for those who need ongoing medical
treatment who are forced to wait at this time.
God, please watch over their health and help them to
stay positive and patient.

We pray that we overcome this global crisis and that
after this pandemic, we build a more just and
humane world.

Amen.

During lockdown 2 commencing Thursday 5th
November St Paul's will be open for **Private
Prayer on 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every
Sunday and Wednesday.**

The Parish Eucharist will be videoed, and the link
sent out as well as being published on our church
FaceBook and Web pages.

This Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

Next Sunday 29th November
1st Sunday of Advent

Our Weekly Offering to God

An enormous 'thank you' to all those faithful
members of our congregation who have
rigorously filled and handed in or bank
transferred their weekly offering to God. May
God Bless you, we don't know how we would be
coping without you.

Please, please try to keep up your offering
either by Bank Transfer or by popping your
envelopes through Pauline's (3 Holmcroft) or
Jan's (2 The Paddock) doors.

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If you have IT access do join in our Zoom Coffee
session at **12 Noon.**

Christmas Drinks Raffle

Tickets are on sale now and going well. Thank you so
much to everyone who has bought a ticket and
especially to those who have sold many more than
their initial 10. The draw will be on Advent 3, which
is Sunday 13th December. We have had some
extremely generous donations of bottles for this –
thank you! The hamper looks amazing. Thanks to Jan
Carr!



St Paul's Advent Calendar

Don't forget to pick up your copy from Church if you
haven't got a printer. A further copy is attached to
this mailing.

Coven's Festive Display Competition

This lovely initiative is a joint venture between our
Church First School and our Scout group. It hopes to
bring a much-needed festive boost to Coven. Entry is
£5 per house and I have attached a blank entry form
to this emailing should anyone like to enter. Details

of where to send the completed entry form and payment are given on the entry form. As part of this and as a joint venture with Coven Mothers Union members, we are creating a 'Nativity Trail' with the story of the Nativity told at each stage.

The stages are:

1. Mary & Angel Gabriel
2. Joseph and the Angel
3. Finding a place to stay in Bethlehem
4. Baby born in a stable
5. The Shepherds
6. Wise men, following the star and sharing their gifts
7. A Final Nativity Scene at St Paul's Church, Church Lane

The only stage we are missing is 'Joseph & the Angel. Is anyone, living in Coven village, able to do this one? A suggested display might be:

An open garage/shed that looks like a Carpenter's workshop, or a painted sheet of a workshop with a table out with tools and wood shavings. Perhaps Joseph could be represented as having a nap under a blanket on a camp bed (news paper stuffed down a sleeping bag) and the angel light shining upon him in his dream? Text etc. will all be provided.

We also need some simple wooden signs knocking up like this, one saying '30 miles to Bethlehem' and the other saying 'Welcome to Bethlehem' and a sign with 'Bethlehem – The House of Bread' if anyone can help us out.



The Nativity Trail will be marked on the map that is being produced with all the households taking part.

Zoom into Christmas

An Advent course, details are in the box below – Pauline & I have signed up if there is anyone else who would like to join with us, then let Karen know and she will organise for you to have the joining log on.

The Parishes of Holy Trinity, Ettingshall, St Martin's, Rough Hills & S Stephen's, Springfield.

Dear Friends,

Why not '**ZOOM TOWARDS CHRISTMAS!**'? An online Advent Course on the **Tuesdays of Advent** beginning at **7pm** on Tuesday 1st December! Don't miss it! The sessions will reflect on **Hope, Anticipation, Journey and Light**. They will be led by various clergy and lay leaders from across our three parishes. Each session will last a maximum of one hour.

*Our love & prayers to you all.
Pauline & Karen x*