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VISITOR INFORMATION
We are here to welcome everyone, and we want to help those who have dementia to feel safe and help them to worship with us.
Hearing loop, if you are wearing a hearing aid, turn the control to T.
Children are always welcome, those of school age are welcome to join the Sunday School, and younger ones are welcome to play in the corner if they become restless. The toilets and changing facilities are behind the kitchen at the back, please look for signs or ask.
If you wish to make a donation to St Peter's and you are a tax payer, please remember that donations can be "gift aided" by using a gift aid envelope and completing the details on it. These are available from the big table at the door.
ST PETER’S CHURCH, BURNLEY

Advent 4, 22nd December 2019

If you are visiting us for the first time, we hope you experience a warm and friendly welcome. If you need help, please speak to one of the welcome team by the door or the Vicar on duty. Please stay for a cuppa after the service.

Before the service begins, please try to use the time to prepare yourselves for worship, especially in the final minutes before the service begins, and save conversations for after the service.

After the Family Service there will be a children’s rehearsal for the Nativity on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Services are an opportunity to invite family and friends to join us, on Christmas Eve, 4.30 Nativity Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass, Christmas Day 10.30am.

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On Epiphany, Jan 5th 4.30pm Christingle Service in aid of the Children’s Society, please take a collecting candle today and return it at the service. Christingles will be prepared at 3.30pm, and after the service there will be a bring and share Tea, please bring something for the feast.

The Church Christmas Card board is now available at the side of Church.

Also available is the “Follow the Star” booklet for the 12days of Christmas, donation of £1.50 each please put in the wall collecting box.
Readings and Prayers for this week:

Please continue to pray for the safety of Christians in Iran as the nation opposes followers of Jesus.

Collect:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading: Isaiah chapter 7, verses 10 – 16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. 13 Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel: Matthew chapter 1, verses 18 – end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion:
Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Diocesan Vision Prayer
Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen