



St John the Baptist Church, Barlaston

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Sunday 26th November - Christ the King

Welcome to our services today, especially to anyone who is a visitor or a newcomer

Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket for the 'Who is the vicar of Barlaston?' events. We raised £400 for the church and £400 for the Dougie Mac Hospice. Thanks be to God. Vicar Stewart.

Wanted Carol Singers - We have been invited to sing carols in the Plume of Feathers pub on either Tuesday 19th or Wed 20th or Thurs 21st Dec at about 8.30pm. If you would like to be part and can sing in tune then please sign the list in the church foyer, indicating which evening suits you best. We need at least 12 people and we will practice beforehand! Thanks.

Café Church planning—Tuesday 28th November 7.30pm at 40 Park Drive.

Tea & Talk - 13th December— 2pm to 3pm. Come and join us for our seasonal afternoon of sherry, mince pies and music.

Church phone number - forget it. Normal service is resumed on 373126.

If you wish for anything to be added to the weekly noticesheet, please email to Niki Hampson by 9am on Wednesday mornings, to barlastonadmin@googlemail.com

Diary

Sunday 26 November

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am All-age service

Monday 27 November

5.45pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 28 November

9.30am Tots Church / Toddler Group
7.30pm Café Church planning / review

Wednesday 29 November

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 1 December

7.00pm Bell ringing practice

Sunday 3 December

10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Evensong

Tuesday 5 December

9.30am Tots Church / Toddler Group

Wednesday 6 December

10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm St John's Ladies

Friday 8 December

7.00pm Bell ringing practice

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Please take this News Sheet home with you and take another to give to someone unable to be in church today

Readings – 19th November – 2nd before Advent

I Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.