

**Sunday 29 December 2019**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

'A vibrant worshipping church, learning and growing together,  
welcoming all, sharing God's love whilst serving our community'

"Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord" Ephesians 6:7

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## PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for the sick and distressed** mentioned in our prayer book, especially Neil Britten and Helen Stringfellow. We pray for all whose year's mind anniversary occurs around this time.

## NOTICES

Advance notice that the Diocese will be bringing two performances of 'The Mark Drama' to life in February/March 2020. Staged at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday February 29 and Sunday March 1, all three of our Bishops will be in the cast along with some other members of the Bishop's Leadership Team – collectively creating an amazing and impactful dramatisation of Mark's Gospel. Tickets are £5 and available to purchase via Eventbrite. Please note the performance is not suitable for children aged 8 and under.



### Today's Gospel: Matthew 2.13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

**Next Week: John 1.[1-9]10-18**

### THIS WEEK (29 December 2019)

Reader: S Hourihan  
Isaiah 63.7-9  
Hebrews 2.10-18  
Intercessor: C Hull  
Sidespersons: B Thompson, E Thompson  
PCC Duty: G Saul, A Mooney  
Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg  
Coffee: G Saul, S Saul  
Sacristan: B Trigg

## WHAT'S ON

The indoor **Bowling Group** meets on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm til 4.00pm in the Parish Centre main hall.

**Share IT** would like donations of milk, cereal, disposable razors, small cartons of juice and sachets of drinking chocolate/coffee. In addition, ready for our Christmas hampers small tubes of toothpaste and packets of 12 or 24 Weetabix.

### Services this week:

Sunday 10.00am: Family Eucharist  
Tuesday **No Morning Prayer**  
Wednesday **No service**  
Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer  
Friday 10.00am: Holy Communion (common worship)

### NEXT WEEK (5 January 2020)

Reader: P Eccles  
Jeremiah 31.7-14  
Ephesians 1.3-14  
Intercessor: B Trigg  
Sidespersons: J Harman, E Smith  
PCC Duty: S Birch, B Trigg  
Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg  
Coffee: M Francis, V McHugh  
Sacristan: E Smith

**2020**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**As we approach 2020, I wish you all a peaceful and happy new year.**