



# Church of the Holy Spirit

## Mossley Parish

(Charity Registration No. NIC103262)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

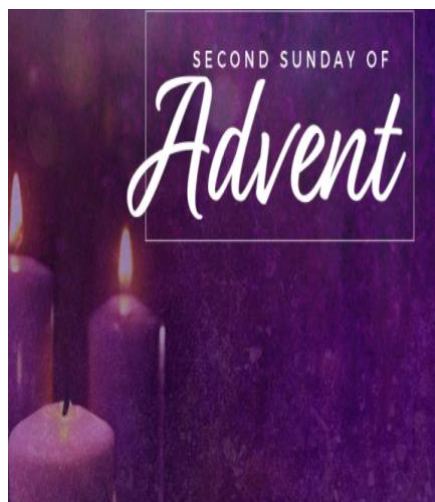
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**WELCOME** to the Church of the Holy Spirit!

Thank you for joining with us for our in-church and online services. This week, as we continue our journey through Advent, we focus on the theme of love.

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY** **(Second Sunday of Advent)**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### **GET IN TOUCH**

#### **TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS**

Morning      Matthew 3:1-12

Evening      Psalm 121

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**Our Online Service will be available on YouTube from 11am and Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm.**

# Announcements

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- Our Thoughts for the Day continue each morning at 10am.
- GB meets in the Parish Centre. All sections start at 6.30pm. Finish times are: Tinies 7.30pm, Explorers 7.45pm, all other sections 8pm.

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- SureStart 'Wiggle It' will be in the Main Hall from 5.45pm until 7.15pm.
- Our Bible Study Group meets at 7.30pm in the Carntall Room for the final session before Christmas. This week we are looking at Galatians 6:1-18 and an online study will be released at 7.30pm.

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- Sure Start 'Mini Movers' in the Main Hall from 9.30am - 11.30am.
- Midweek Holy Communion at 10am.
- The Community Lunch Christmas Dinner will be held in the Parish Centre, meeting at 12noon to begin at 12.30pm.
- Gillian Jones Dance Academy is in the Parish Centre from 3.45pm until 6.25pm.
- Bowling Club meets at 7pm in the Parish Centre.
- Our Advent Service will be held in the Church at 7pm.
- The Prayer Fellowship meets in the Pentecost Room at 7.30pm.
- Mossley Mission Group meets at 7.30pm in the Carntall Room.
- Women's Guild trip to Theatre at the Mill. All who have bought tickets are to meet at the theatre by 7.15pm and the show starts at 7.45pm. Anyone who needs a lift should contact a member of the Committee.

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- First Aid training will be held in the Carntall Room from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. Please speak to the Rector for further details.
- Badminton Club meets in the Main Hall at 7.30pm.

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Bric-A-Brac sale from 8.30am until 12noon in the Main Hall. Any person who wishes to donate items should contact Alec Orr (02890836286).

- Youth Club meets in the Parish Centre (7pm – 9pm). This will be the final night before the Christmas break.

## For Your Information

### **Tea Brew Rota**

Thank you to all who have agreed to be part of the Tea Brew Rota.

December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Winnie Millar, Maureen Irwin & Isobel Jack
January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Porter, Vera Govan, & Dorothy Thompson

### **Christmas Cards**

You may have noticed the red post box in the church foyer. This is for any Christmas cards that are being exchanged between parishioners. Please do avail of this service.

### **Christmas Fair**

A massive thank you to everyone who helped out with the Christmas Fair and to all who attended. We had a great day and are delighted that £2484.27 was raised for church funds.

### **Christmas Hamper Appeal**

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Hamper Appeal. The hampers will be assembled for distribution on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (7pm-9pm) and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (10.30am-12.30pm). If you can help at either session please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

### **Christmas Home Communion**

It is possible for housebound parishioners to receive Holy Communion within their own homes. The Rector and Rev Louise will be starting these visits from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like, or know of someone else who would like, to receive Holy Communion, please inform the Rector.

## Prayer List

If you want a name put on the prayer list, please fill in the prayer request slip in the church porch and then place it in the box provided. Alternatively, you can email them to [rectormossley@hotmail.com](mailto:rectormossley@hotmail.com)

Davy	Paul	Eddie	Ann	Jim
Joyce	Mervyn	Carter	Marlou	Craig
Gladys	David	Grace	Karen	Trevor
Linda	Ursula	Ann	David	Niamh
Kellie	Jack	Rita	Louise	Angela
Breda	Jason	Phoebe		

### Praying For Others

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who need to experience your comfort and peace at this time. We ask you to draw close to them and may they be encouraged by your presence. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

## Prayer Focus

**Local:** Carnmoney Presbyterian Church and Rev Stuart Hawthorne.

**District:** Ravelston.

**Parish Organisations:** Give thanks to God for all our parish organisations as they have their Christmas events.

**Connor Diocese:** Bishop George Davison.

**Church of Ireland:** Archbishop John McDowell and the Diocese of Armagh.

**Mission Partnerships:** an end to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia; lasting peace in the Middle East; an easing of tensions between D.R. Congo and Rwanda; an end to the spate of abductions and kidnappings in Nigeria; the bereaved and everyone affected by Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka and Indonesia; the families of the three teenagers who were killed after their car skidded off the road and into a private swimming pool in southern France; political and social stability in Honduras following the recent presidential election; the families of the twelve people who have died and the fifty who are still missing following a landslide in Peru.