



St Francis Church

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

The air is getting crisper, the lights are twinkling, and the first few presents have been bought and tucked away — Christmas is coming, and we couldn't be more excited! Christmas isn't just about festive décor and carols (though we love those too!). It's about preparing our hearts to celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the Light of the World.

This December, we want to celebrate the hope that comes with the newborn King and invite others to come, see and experience that hope.

Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with Jesus for years, Christmas is a fresh invitation to encounter His love, peace, and hope.

We've got some amazing things planned: wonderful opportunities to sing and celebrate the Christmas season with our Advent Service, Messy Christmas, and Carol Service. There are also great moments to connect with our community through Wreath Making and Carols in the Pub, as well as special gatherings at Christmas itself with Crib Service, Midnight Communion, and Christmas Day Celebrations.

As well as putting the dates in your diary, I'd love you to join me in praying:

First, for those in your life whom God might be placing on your heart to invite to one of our services or events.

Second, that as people come, they would encounter God—whether for the first time or in a fresh way.

HIGHLIGHT

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WREATH MAKING

You're invited to join our Christmas wreath-making event at St Francis Church.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to book your spot early to avoid missing out.

Wednesday 3 December 10.00am

£8 per person

(this includes all materials and refreshments)

Contact admin@sfpv.org.uk to book your place.

ADVENT SERVICE

Come and experience the beauty of the season at our annual Service of Light.

We start the service in darkness, then light candles together as we reflect on the hope and light that Jesus brings into the world.

Sunday 30th November 6.30pm



CHRISTMAS AT ST FRANCIS

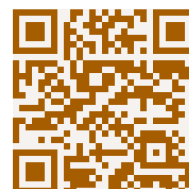
We have lots going on at St Francis Church this December, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Head to our website to see the full list of events and services happening over Christmas.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the joy, hope, and community this season brings.

www.stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk/christmas

or scan the QR code



YOUR STORY

IAN CLARKE

Being licenced as a lay minister in these past weeks has allowed me to sense God in the everyday small encounters of life.

The service moved me to tears with the awesomeness of God and his love for creation. Since then, grace has interrupted the everyday. At work, four people have asked what my faith means to me, expressing interest and opening sacred conversations. Over dinner with friends' conversation turned to how love conquered death and the evils in this world. Finally, I was asked, by the diocese, to speak at a meeting for those enquiring about lay work, 4 people spoke to me after wards about their calling.

I ask for prayers for Nick and Patrick who both expressed a desire to move forward in their ministries.

God is great, Jesus is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is at work. Grace and Peace. Amen.



If you have a story you'd like to share
email: rev@sfvp.org.uk

For all the details for these items
and other events got to
stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk/events

SUNDAYS

Join us on Sunday for
church

Said Communion
8:30am

Worship Service
10:00am

GIVE

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