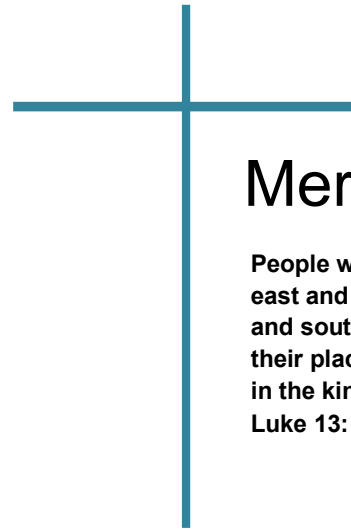


Notices

Carols around the tree - Friday 21 December 18:30 on the green in front of St Helen's Church, Colne followed by mulled wine and mince pies inside the church. All welcome

Christmas cards at St Helen's Church - St Helen's church is raising funds for CRISIS this Christmas. CRISIS is a Nationwide charity helping the homeless out of homelessness. At Christmas they take in homeless people off the street and give them a Christmas Day filled with warmth, friendship and food. This costs just £28.18 per person and can then lead to continuing to help them find accommodation and get back on their feet. We suggest instead of giving several or many cards individually to church family members, we each put one card on the board in the entrance to church and make a donation. Bev Barlow will collect the donations and forward them to CRISIS by 22 December, Thank you



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People will come from
east and west and north
and south, and will take
their place at the feast
in the kingdom of God.
Luke 13: 29

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

9 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Seek first the Kingdom of God

If you are new to the church, please let us have your details – contact Rev Sheila or the Churchwardens.

Please join us for coffee afterwards

If you use a hearing aid,
and are at Colne or
Bluntisham,
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PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

Bible Readings	Collect
Malachi 3.1-4 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6	<p>O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.</p> <p>Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.</p>

Please pray for these people who need God's healing touch in their lives

Adrian, Ali Major, Amanda and Robin, Amelia, Belinda, Beryl Grooms, Bev Silver, Carol, Christopher Brown, David, Derek, Doreen Taylor, Doris' Family & Martha, Doris, Edward Barrett, Eileen, Eliza, Gareth Smith and family, George, Glyn, Gordon, Guy, Heidi, India, Jackie Cox, James, Jane, Jane, Janet Mehew, Jan B, Joan, Julia, Julia R, Julie, Kate, Katie, Kay Rawlinson, Kurt and Ionie Fuller, Lily, Lindy, Mark, Matt Brown, Maurice and Isabel, Michael Latta, Molly and Robin, Nadine, Neil Bluff, Nick, Oscar, Patrick Grant, Penny Cook, Pete B, Peter C, Peter Reason, Phil, Richard, Robert George, Ron Bradford, Sally, Sharon, Sheila, Stephen, Steve Clarke, Sue, baby Toby, Yvonne

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<p>Sunday 9 December 09:30 Sung Eucharist HcN, St John the Baptist 11:00 Café Sunday BcE, Church Hall 11:00 Morning Worship with Baptism Colne, St Helen 17:00 Holy Communion (BCP) Earith, Rector's Hall 19:00 11.11 Benefice Prayer Colne, St Helen</p> <p>Monday 10 December 10:00 Experience Christmas Colne, St Helen</p> <p>Tuesday 11 December 09:30 Experience Christmas HcN, St John the Baptist</p>	<p>Thursday 13 December 10:00 Music Makers Colne, St Helen 14:00 Funeral HcN, St John the Baptist 14:15 Holy Communion and Tea Colne, St Helen</p> <p>Friday 14 December 18:00 Wedding Rehearsal Colne, St Helen</p> <p>Saturday 15 December 12:00 Wedding Colne, St Helen</p> <p>Sunday 16 December 09:30 Café Sunday Needingworth, Village Hall 11:00 Family Communion BcE, St Mary 11:00 Nativity service Colne, St Helen 17:00 Compline Earith, Rector's Hall 18:30 Carols by Candlelight HcN, St John the Baptist</p>
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Cluster Groups

Tuesday	19:45 Men's Group	Tim, timothydberry@btinternet.com
Wednesday	19:30 Colne	Wendy, wendy.george33@gmail.com
Thursday	19:30 Fellowship Holywell (2nd and 4th of the month) 19:30 Colne	Isabel, mauriarn@aol.com Eleanor, embryherstones@yahoo.co.uk
Friday	19:30 Fellowship Earith	Bob, bobali102@btinternet.com