

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



TONIGHT

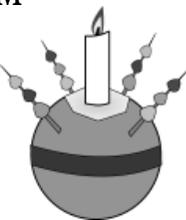
• Carols by Candlelight

6.30PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

• Christingle Family Fun

2.30 & 4PM



• Midnight Communion
11.30PM



25 CHRISTMAS DAY

• Community Worship

10AM



26 ST STEPHEN'S DAY

• Communion 10.15AM

Join a team?

WE have opportunities to join others in serving God through your Church.

- Assisting Peter in his role as Safeguarding Officer
- Supporting Youth Church
- 'Being' at Baptisms.
- Serving at Holy Communion

If any of these tweaks an interest in you, please have a chat with Lisa.

ST STEPHENS (SOUNDWELL)
DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS:

Little Red Riding Hood & the Little Pigs

A Pantomime by Paul Crump & Simon Simcox: a new adaptation of classic tales which will leave you crying with laughter.

31 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY 2019

Tickets £9 adults and £7 children & OAP
bookable in advance: 07944 158294 or
www.ststephensdramabristol.co.uk

Donations by phone

TEXT **SSSC10 £10** or **SSSC05 £5**
to **70070** to make a difference to PCC
St Stephens Soundwell.

ST STEPHENS

Christmas Flowers

IF you would like to donate something towards the cost of providing some nice flowers, to decorate church, then the last chance is to please see us today!

Thank you. Jan & Joyce

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St Stephens
SOUNDWELL

16 DECEMBER 2018

THIRD OF ADVENT

READINGS: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-END; LUKE 3:7-18

Your Kingdom come

JESUS' COUSIN, John the Baptist, the wild man, announces: **“The Kingdom of Heaven is coming”**

The crowd reply: *“What shall we do?”* So John gives some very practical advice.

John encourages them to recognise where they are – in a place of self-judgement, in a rut of sin and doing things their own way, and doing things just because they had always been done that way.

He then calls for a turning – to make a public declaration of being sorry, of admitting the past failures and of wanting to change – by being baptised.

John then welcomes them to a new way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. He describes it like this:

1. **Sharing** – having a generosity of assets, resources, time and money
2. **Fairness and justice** – creating a gossip-free community of equality, liberty from oppression and, in working for these things, being a real blessing to the wider society
3. **Contentment** – with what they have, satisfied and free from the heartache of jealousy

What a fantastic picture of the Kingdom of Heaven! But how on earth could we live up to these impossibly wonderful things.

John says that the glorious, splendid, awesome Messiah, Jesus, will come and will baptise His followers with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus has come and has promised all these gifts to those who want to join His new Kingdom.

Jesus loves every one of us so much; He delights in us and wants to know us better.

If you don't yet know Jesus, simply ask Him in-to your life.

If you do know Jesus, then thank Him that He is already at work in you and keep close with Him as we prepare to celebrate the joy of His birthday in a few day's time!

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
MICAHAH 5:2-5A & LUKE 1:39-55

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