

## Today's Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you; grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by the turning of hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight: for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever and glory now and for ever Amen

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### 1st Reading;

### Philippians 4. 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus..

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**Mince Pies** - Following the Carol service on Sunday 223rd December we will be having Punch and Pies in the Old Schoolroom, offers of Mince Pies would be gratefully received by Rachel Miles Thank you.

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**Braintree Food Bank** Please continue to support this very important part of our ministry in the community. Please see the **Shopping List** at the back of church, Stocks are good but there are some specific items that are required. The food bank is extremely grateful for our continued support. *Thank You.*



## Gospel Reading

## Luke 3 7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." 15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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**Postage Stamps** - Please save your postage stamps. Beryl Whiteside is collecting used postage stamps for the Cancer Charity CLIC Sargent

**Sunday Fun Club** will meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9-15am in the Old Schoolroom before joining the church congregation for Holy Communion. If you know any families who may be interested in attending please let Claire know, All children over 3 welcome.

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### **Coffee Spot**

*Meet Old Friends*                      *Make New Friends*  
Refreshments   Bring and Buy Stall   Scrabble   Hobbies  
Every Tuesday in The Old Schoolroom from 10-00am

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**Christmas Lunch Club Tuesday 18th December** from 12-00 midday to around 2-30. in the Old Schoolroom. Cost £5-00 per person. Open to all, come and have a two course lunch and enjoy fellowship with others. Booking essential contact Kay Coombes (749547) or Kate Kukiewicz for places. Kate and Kay would also like offers of help with serving teas and coffees transport etc. again please speak to them if interested.

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**Community Carols Singing** in Church on Wednesday 19th December at 6-30 for a 7-00pm start. Come and choose your favourite carols to sing. Come at 6-30pm and have a glass of wine and some nibbles.

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### **Christmas Tree Festival -**

A huge thankyou to all who helped last week-end. Stewarding entering a tree or baking cakes. The whole event raised just short of £1,000.

Well done to our winners  
Adults 1st Rayne WI, 2nd Rev'd Beth, 3rd Barbara and Bernie  
Youth; 1st Rayne Cubs, 2nd Rayne School, 3rd Rayne Guides  
Special prize to Brandon Dunlop for individual entry

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Any items for inclusion in this news sheet to be handed to Colin Miles by Friday evening please, . **01376-801884** or [crmiles@sky.com](mailto:crmiles@sky.com)

# **Weekly News Sheet**

**The Parish Church of All Saints' Rayne**

([www.allsaintsrayne.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsrayne.org.uk))

**Sunday 16th December 2018**

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**We extend a very warm welcome to our services today.**  
We invite you to join us after the service for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits to continue to share in fellowship together.



### **Today (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

#### **Sunday 16th December**

**9-30am** Holy Communion

**7-00pm** Prayer and Praise at Gt Notley Church

#### **Wednesday 19th December**

**9-00am** Morning Prayer (said)

**6-30 for 7-00pm** Community Carol singing around the Church Christmas Tree (*free Wine and nibbles*)

#### **Sunday 23rd December**

**9-30am Morning Prayer**

**6-00pm Nine** Lessons and Carols by Candlelight  
followed by Punch and Pies in the Old Schoolroom

#### **Monday 24th December Christmas Eve**

**12-00 till 2-00pm** Time to Remember

**4-00pm** Instant Nativity

**11-30pm** "Midnight" Communion

#### **Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day**

**10-00am** Family Holy Communion.

#### **Sunday 30th December**

**9-30am** Holy Communion in the round

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### **Bible Study**

Bible Study Group  
Will re-convene in the New Year.

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