

Today's Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to Cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever.

1st Reading;

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints

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 21.25-36

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Church Christmas invitations

These have been printed and bundled into streets ready for delivery around the village
Please do take a bundle if possible for delivery this coming week.

Note; there is an error in the printing of the time for the Community Carols this should read 6-30 for a 7-00pm start, notices will go out on Facebook and on the website to correct this. The time published in the Magazine is correct.



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.

Coffee Spot

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

Christmas gifts for the Elderly—for several years the Pastoral group have delivered gifts to those over 80 in the village. If you would like to donate a gift please let Beryl, Rachel or Roman have them. Suggested items are: tins of mixed biscuits, boxes of sweets, mug and coaster sets, scarves and gloves, socks, puzzles toiletries, fleece blankets. Please do not wrap gifts, donations of wrapping paper and sticky tape would also be appreciated. Thank you

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.

Christmas Tree Festival -

7th. December from 7-00pm preview evening with chees and wine £5-00 entry.

8th December from 11-00am till 4-00pm

Open for viewing voting and seasonal refreshments

9th December from 11-00am till 4-00pm

Open for viewing, voting and seasonal refreshments

4-00pm Free Concert by Rayne School Choir and Rayne Community Choir.

Offers of help stewarding and service refreshments please speak to Kate Kukiewicz.



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

Weekly News Sheet

The Parish Church of All Saints' Rayne

(www.allsaintsrayne.org.uk)

Sunday 2nd December 2018

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 (Advent Sunday)

9-30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th December 9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

Sunday 9th December

8-30am Holy Communion (said)

9-30am Morning Praise and Toy Service

Wednesday 12th December 9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

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



Bible Study

Bible Study Group

Wednesdays at 8-00pm at The Old Schoolroom.

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