

ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 26.11.23

Do you realise that next Friday will be the first day to open my advent calendar and burn my advent candle? I have spent most of the week making Christmas cards. I was determined this year to get everything done, cards written, presents wrapped by 1st December, but once again I'm fast running out of time!

I first realised that Christmas was fast approaching when Jo sent me photos of their recent visit to Centre Parcs last weekend. As you can see by the photo it's all Christmas there! The weekend away was part of the twins birthday present from us and, judging by the photos. it was a great success!

They were away for 4 days during which time we had to go over to their house every day to feed the rabbits (this is why I wasn't in church last Sunday) Talking of the rabbits, I've even made Christmas cards for them! (I cannot resist my granddaughters pleas!)

All this talk of Christmas suddenly made me realise that I'm doing two stalls at the Christmas Fayre which is next Saturday—panic. I'm fine with my pound stall because nothing needs pricing, and, by the way, there's some good stuff on there! But I also have a stall of knitted toys and craft items that need sorting and pricing so I'd better get busy. I've just checked the long range weather forecast and it looks to be sunny but cool for the fayre —as long as we don't have snow as has happened in the past.

You still have time to donate jam jars, bottles, hamper goodies (see over) and of course cakes. But most of all we'd like you to come and join us on Saturday and have a chat, bag a bargain and enjoy the company.

And so I had better get busy. Cards to write, presents to wrap, and you can guarantee that I will have forgotten something important like ordering the turkey (oops!) buying the Christmas pud (oops) and, of course, the brussel sprouts! Actually, we have them stir fried with onions, bacon and chestnuts—yummy!!!

Prayer Corner:

A Christ the King Sunday Prayer.

Lord God,
the close of another church year is upon us. and as the old year and the new year touch in this holy season, we are mindful that you are our first and last.
Christ our Saviour, you are a king who serves. Your kingdom is a city whose gates are open and you call its inhabitants brother, sister and friend.
We are grateful for and overwhelmed by your love for the world. We are made new by your costly and sacrificial love. We pray that the love you have given us shines through us to all we meet.
Make our faith worthy of your faith. Make our lives worthy of your life. Make our love an extension of your love.
Let us be known to the world as brothers and sisters of Christ, the King of love, who is and was and is to come.
Amen.

Muriel



CHRISTMAS IN BAGNALL

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - 12PM BAGNALL
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE - VILLAGE HALL**

**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER - FAMILY CRISTINGLE
SERVICE - ST CHADS CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER - SANTA & CAROLS AT
STAFFORD ARMS**

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 4PM CAROL SERVICE
ST CHADS CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER - OUTDOOR CAROL
SERVICE - ST CHADS CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER - MIDNIGHT
COMMUNION - ST CHADS CHURCH**



