

**NOTICE SHEET FOR ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH**  
**AND LATHOM PARK CHAPEL**  
**24th December 2023 – 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings**

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

**WHATS ON THIS WEEK AT ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH**

**MON:** NO KNIT AND NATTER in New Church House  
NO TIDDLERS in NCH – Return January 15th, 2024  
**WEDS:** NO GAMES CAFÉ in NCH restart January 3rd, 2024  
**THURS:** NO HOLY COMMUNION in New Church House

**SERVICE AT ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH**

**31st December 2023 – The First Sunday of Christmas**

**10.30am** – HOLY COMMUNION led by Stuart Haynes  
Readings: Isaiah 61: 10-62.3, Galatians 4: 4-7 and Luke 2: 15-21  
Reader: Irene Hayes Prayers: Pam Cross

**THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT ORMSKIRK. PLEASE JOIN THE SERVICE AT LATHOM AT 10.30AM**

## **SERVICE AT LATHOM PARK CHAPEL**

### **31st December 2023 – The First Sunday of Christmas**

NO SERVICE at Lathom Park Chapel please join Ormskirk Parish Church

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

**OPEN 9.30am – 12.30pm Monday and Tuesday from January 2024**

**The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 25th December, 2023**

**until Monday 1st January, 2024**

**NOTICES FOR THE WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET:** Please can you let the Parish Office have them by **midnight on Monday**. Email address as follows: [office@ormskirkparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@ormskirkparishchurch.org.uk) Thank you.

**NEW CHURCH HOUSE BOOKINGS:** please make your enquiry by email to [office@ormskirkparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@ormskirkparishchurch.org.uk) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

**1. THE LATEST NOTICES** can now also be viewed on the website

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

**2. FANTASTIC NEWS:** We have someone to take over Tiddlers but we still need more volunteer helpers please.

**3. ORMSKIRK FOODBANK:** Now open for food parcel collections. Cash donations can be made via the Foodbank account from which the details are: Bank, HSBC, 5 Moor Street, Ormskirk, L39 2AB; sort code 40-35-29; account number 01568698. Food donations can be left at Co-op, Wigan Road, Nationwide and Barclays Ormskirk; Tesco, Burscough: Booths, Burscough. Current shortages are tinned meat and fruit, sponge puddings, mashed potato, fruit juices-long life, squashes and toiletries. Any items will be gratefully received.

**4. HEATING COSTS:** Does the price of fuel mean you have to choose whether to eat or heat? The Vicar has a discretionary fund from which payments can be made to help those in need. Please speak to Clergy if you would benefit from some financial assistance. There are no forms to fill in and any request is completely confidential.

**5. CHURCH CLEANING - DUST AND CHATTER:** meet at 9.30am until noon on the 4th Friday of each month. The 2024 list of dates are available at the Information Point. We are a very small team, and it is a very big Church. If you can spare even half an hour to help, you would be so welcome to join us when you can. "Many hands make a huge task easier. Thank you. Please note **the next** cleaning date will be on **FRIDAY 26th January, 2024** from 9.30 -12 noon. Thanks to everyone who gives their time to make our Church look clean and tidy.

## **6. SERVICE PATTERN IN ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH**

1st Sunday of the month, 9.30am Church 4 All in the Hall. No 10.30am service in Ormskirk Parish Church. There will be a parish communion service at Lathom Park Chapel at 11am on the first Sunday of the month which all are welcome to attend.

On every other Sunday in the month there will be a service in Ormskirk at 10.30am. On the 5th Sunday of the month this will be led by a planning group. We welcome Archdeacon Peter Spiers for midnight communion, at 11.30pm, on Christmas Eve at Ormskirk.

**7. POSADA:** be part of Mary & Joseph's search for a lodging in Bethlehem by offering to host the Nativity scene overnight during the period of Advent. A small set of Nativity figures move from house to house each day, finishing their journey on today in Church. With the figures is a prayer that is prayed in the receiving house. If you would like to host the Posada this year, please contact Angela Haynes (07753 0731054 or Joanne Gladders (07739 906413) **EVERYONE** is welcome to join us.

**8. CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** will be open until the New Year at least every weekend.

## **9. JOIN US IN PRAYING "Thy Will Be Done....."**

– **in Church, Town and University.** Starting Wednesday January 3rd, **2024**, then Monday to Friday 8am to 9am in the Mansergh Room in New Church House, to the left of Ormskirk Parish Church, until at least the end of January. (Except Monday Jan 15th – unless anyone can help that morning) Walk in for just a few minutes or stay a while.

**Join this pop-up Anchorhold to pray for God's care and His much more for everyone living around – and everything going on – in Ormskirk. Ephesians**

**3: 20** A relaxed and varied hour – more formal prayers, spontaneous prayer, creative reflection on Bible quotes etc., and silences. With a focus on different aspects of life in Ormskirk each weekday, eg. Market and businesses and Town Council etc., (Contact Simon Andrews on 07752 637823. All are welcome.

..... **on Earth as it is in Heaven"**

**Pick up an A4 sheet in Church for more information about "Anchorhold"**

**10. MOTHERS' UNION** - our next meeting is on Thursday 4th January at 1.30pm in New Church House. We will be welcoming Ashley Dalton our MP to talk to us. Please do come and join us. A warm welcome awaits.

**SERVICES AT ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH IN DECEMBER**

**Sunday 24th December 4.00pm TRADITIONAL FAMILY NATIVITY**

**11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

**Monday 25th December 10.30am NO SERVICE AT ORMSKIRK,  
PLEASE JOIN LPC FOR FAMILY COMMUNION.**

**Sunday 31st December 10.30am HOLY COMMUNION**

**SERVICES AT LATHOM PARK CHAPEL DECEMBER/JANUARY 2024**

**17 December 4.00pm CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE led by Lin Camp**

**Sunday 24th December 11.00am FAMILY SERVICE led by Rev Jayne Shepherd**

**Monday 25th December 10.30am FAMILY COMMUNION led by Lin Camp**

**Sunday 31st December NO SERVICE AT THE CHAPEL** Please join the congregation at Ormskirk Parish Church.

**Sunday 7th January 11.00am Feast of Epiphany HOLY COMMUNION led by Rev Cynthia Dowdle.**