We do not take a collection at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.



**Rosalind** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during her recovery.



**Mini-Market:** Please support the mini-market next Saturday. It is for Crisis and reminds us that homelessness is an all year need and the work for next Christmas starts now.



**Rota:** If you are on the Rota, please make sure Mick has the dates when you will be unable to be here for the next quarter. Thank you.

**Thank you:** A huge thank you to everyone who helped over the Christmas season. The services were well attended and we saw many people who rarely come to church, thank you for making their visit a memorable one.

#### FOR OUR PRAYERS:

**Sick and wanting prayer;** Joan Banks, Valerie Black, Claire Connelly, Kingston Joseph Gilbert, Nargis Gill, Riaz Gill, Siddique Gill, Russell House, Jenny Howland, Vera Humphreys, Khanya, Anum Mall, Saba Mall, Sohail Mall, Valerie Muscutt, Maureen & Melvin Oakes, Alan and Letitia Pearson, David Pinder, Joan Pinder, Jill Rooke-Matthews, Barbara Smith, Peter and Constance Smith, Lesley Stiffell, Sheila Treadwell, Elena Utton, Pauline Warner, Gordon Wilkinson, John Wood, Emmy & LIbby.

Anniversaries for December: 1st Violet Tattersfield, 2nd Arthur Toms, 5th Doris Acons, 6th Michael Barwick, 7th Eileen Sellwood, David Lovitt, 8th Hans Larsen, 9th Anne Jones, 10th Arthur Hughes, 12th Kathryn Anderson, 15th Elizabeth Salen, 16th Nellie Thacker, 18th Sheila Birchnall, 19th Winifred White, 21st Florence Palmer, 22nd Beryl Banks, 23rd Grace Skeggs, 24th Arthur Langsdon, 25th Gill Head, 26th Allan Taylor, 27th Alfred Salen, 29th Edward Gooch, 30th David Anderson, Joan Trapnell, 31st Mavis Symonds.

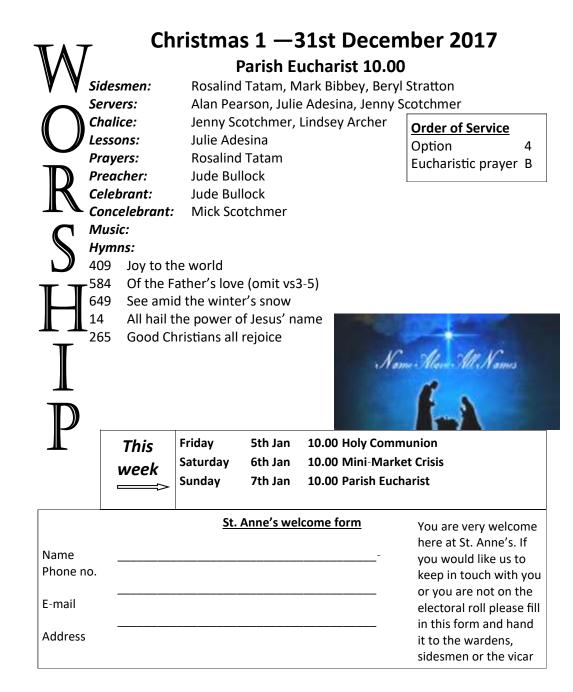
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen



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#### Collect

#### Almighty God,

who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

### <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## New Testament Reading

Galatians 4.4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'** <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

# Gospel

Luke 2.15-21

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.