

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

17TH DECEMBER 2017
3RD IN ADVENT

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings

First reading; Isaiah 61 v 1-4,8-end
Second Reading; 1 Thessalonians 5v 6-124
Gospel; John 1 v 6-8,19-28

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 turning the 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 for ever.

Priest in charge:

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Church Wardens

Mrs Mary Rose, Mrs Margaret Simpson

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Hall bookings & baptisms

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Please pray for;

the sick; Fred Bowskill, Charlie Cullimore, Elizabeth Graham, Pam Goodman, Joy Gray, Joan Hill, Claire O'Neil, Stuart Rose, Michael Vaughan , Tim Wheeldon.

Years Mind;

17 Rebecca Hurley
20 Eva Barlow, Linda Goodman
21 Kenneth Finch, Denis Pepper
22 Colin Cullimore
23 Alma Fotheringham, Alex Robinson

- Migrants all over the world (18th International migrants day.)
- CAMEO
- The fire still raging in California.
- Peaceful relationships between N Korea and the rest of the world.
- That the coming cold weather does not cause serious problems.
- Those rushing to finish last minute Christmas preparations have time to rest and take in the peace of the season.

Upcoming events ;

17th	Sunday	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church
		2.30pm	Carol Service	church
18th	Monday	7pm	CAMEO	church hall
24th	Christmas Eve	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church
25th	Christmas Day	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church

A slightly paraphrased 1 Corinthians 13

If I bake a Christmas cake and dozens of mince pies, but have not love, I am just another harassed housewife.

If I decorate my house with outdoor fairy lights & a twinkling Christmas tree, but have not love, I am just wasting electricity for no reason.

If I write a hundred Christmas cards and stick a news letter in each one, but have not love, I only gain writers cramp.

Love stops baking to phone a friend in need.

Love stops decorating to hug a child.

Love stops shopping to visit a lonely neighbour.

Love does not envy the colour coordinated Christmas decorations in another's house, nor the neatly wrapped presents under a neighbour's tree.

Love does not write vain Christmas letters boasting of this years achievements.

Love does not just send cards to those who can return the favour.

Love does not just buy presents for those who can return the favour.

Love does not work out just how much a friend will spend on your gifts, and then seek to spend not a penny more. Love knows the joy of giving without counting the cost.

Love is patient when faced with a queue at the post office, and smiles at those sharing the experience.

Love does not get angry and shout at the kids to stay out of the way, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love bears all things,
Love believes all things,
Hopes all things,
Endures all things.

Love never fails.

Computer games break, chocolates soon vanish, Christmas trees drop their leaves, But the gift of love endures forever.

Love is not just for Christmas it lasts the whole year through.

Christ is not just for Christmas, He wants to stay with you for ever.

Eastern Baptist Association UK

After correcting an error on my computer challenge counter (it was not adding in miles logged on my fitbit) I discover that within the coming week I should finish my challenge.—1076 miles in 2017. If you sponsored me, I will come requesting money - AFTER CHRISTMAS !!