

The Christian Community Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

Advent 2018 to Epiphany 2019



Mary and Joseph en route to Bethlehem
Bonita Cooke age 13

Donkey's Stream of Consciousness by Bonita Susannah Cooke

The gentle sway of the saddlebags,
When all smells emerging,
Scent of dew, thicket bracken,
The foggy frozen air,
Tightness to slacken.

The pebbly road, curious distance, twilit sea,
Drawing, drawing... enchanting starlit trees.

Moonlit waves, bluey cliff-land,
Merging with the cold, (bitter, bitter cold)
And smells: furry, frosty fiery,
Smokey, porous, rattled, writhing,
Drawing me on.

Pondering on, over the stones,
Passed lambs' moss beds.

Regular Services

Sundays	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesdays	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man No service on 5 th of March
Tuesdays	4.00 - 5.30	Religion Lesson, ages 8 and 9
Wednesdays	1.45 – 3.00	Religion Lesson, ages up to 8
	4.15 – 5.15	Religion Lesson 12 years
Thursdays	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man No service on 7 th of March
	11.00	Weekly Gospel study on service days

The Sunday Service for Children will be held at 9.10 for 9.15 on 2/12; 16/12; 25/12; 27/1; 17/2; 10/3

Advent

December 2018

Sunday 2 nd	11.30	14 Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
	17.00	Advent Spiral
Sunday 9 th	11.30	The biblical age of Methuselah and concepts of time in evolution Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Wednesday 12 th	19.30	Christmas Carol Concert Given by the <i>Elmfield Choir</i>
Thursday 13 th	16:15	Santa Lucia Festival
Saturday 15 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 16 th	11.30	TIME in the English language Talk by <i>Rosie Phillpot</i>
	16.00	The Christmas Rose Performance with children
Friday 21 st	16.00	The Elves and the Shoemaker Puppet show
Sunday 23 rd	11.30	The Three Christmas Services Preparatory talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>

Christmas and the Twelve Holy Nights

Monday 24 th	16.00	Shepherds' Pageant followed by carols around the tree
Tuesday 25 th	Midnight	The Act of Consecration of Man
	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	9.15	The Christmas Service for Children
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	13.00	Christmas dinner in the community room
Wednesday 26 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Story with singing next to the tree with <i>Johannes Moora</i>
Thursday 27 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Noah's ark and the end of Atlantis Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Friday 28 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Musicians' wartime and post-war experiences Concert talk by <i>Michael Jones</i>
Saturday 29 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man Kinver walk
Sunday 30 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Noah and the re-establishment of Humankind Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Monday 31 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Looking back at 2018 Conversation
	20.00	Service with sermon for New Year's Eve Music by <i>Michael Jones</i>
January 2019		
Tuesday 1 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Hopes and intentions for 2019 Conversation
Wednesday 2 nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Story with singing next to the tree with <i>Johannes Moora</i>

Thursday 3 rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Earth's Perihelion Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Friday 4 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 5 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	17.00	The Epiphany Witch A Three Kings play where the three kings and their pages take the Christmas tree away and leave gifts for the children

Epiphany 2019

Sunday 6 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Noah's Sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and the post-atlantean culture Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Sunday 13 th	11.30	Free for the unforeseen
Sunday 20 th	11.30	The Tower of Babel and the evolution of language Talk by Brenda Ratcliffe
Saturday 26 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 27 th	11.30	The language of our ritual and the question of addressing the Divine Congregational conversation
	16.00	Stories for all Told by Jane Sahin
<i>February 2019</i>		
Friday 1 st	16:00	St. Bride's Festival Trinitarian period
Sunday 3 rd	11.30	Terah and his sons Abram, Nahor and Haran Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
	15.00	Family Concert organised by <i>Pam Street</i>
Sunday 10 th	11.30	Abraham's Journeys Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Sunday 17 th	11.30	Abraham meets Melchizedek Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>

Saturday 23rd 9-12 Gardening Morning
 17.00 Reading for the Dead
 Sunday 24th 11.30 **Hagar and Ishmael in Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions**
 Talk by *Erhard Keller*

March 2019

Sunday 3rd 11.30 Free for the unforeseen
 15.00 **Fundraising Concert for Elmfield School**
 Organised by *Janine Parsons*

Saturday 9th 17.00 Reading for the Dead

Sunday 10th 11.30 **Abraham and the Trinity in iconography**
 Guided observation

Sunday 17th 11.30 **St. Patrick**
 Talk by *Siobhán Porter*

Looking forward:

22 nd -24 th March	'Using eye and hand to unearth the reality of rock' A Workshop with <i>Rev. Roger Druitt</i> No special knowledge necessary.
Friday 22 nd	19.00 'the rock in our hand'
Saturday 23 rd	9.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 10.30 'how it came to be' 11.50 'the mysteries of rock chemistry' 13.00 lunch 14.30 'who are rocks?'
Sunday 24 th	11.30 'Redeeming the fallen nature of rock and the fallen nature of our physical body'

30th -31st March Ordinations in Spring Valley, USA; (Rev. Selina Horn from Stroud is going and taking a group with her)

26th May Confirmation in Stourbridge!

Dear Congregation

There are many Advent and Christmas festivities to look forward to:

The Advent garden / spiral will be at 5pm on 2nd December in the church. All children are welcome to walk the spiral with their candle and all adults are invited to join our most peaceful festival and join in the beautiful singing.

On the 13th at 4.15pm there will be the short Swedish candlelit Santa Lucia festival. All welcome.

The children are rehearsing very hard to produce their Christmas play, The Christmas Rose, on 16th at 4pm. Please come if you can, it promises to be a very beautiful production of acting, mime and singing, even at the first rehearsal their singing was beautiful!

On Friday 21st at 4pm a puppet show “The Elves and the Shoemaker” will be performed by our new puppet group.

Following last year's successful get-together for Christmas dinner in the community room, we feel we just have to do it again...so, to all those who have been asking all year, yes, there will be a Christmas dinner in the community room at 1pm on Christmas Day. Like last year, those who can please contribute by making a dish, bringing all the food together. Food will be supplied, if we all pay £15, (£10 for children) a little more than last year, but we only just managed last year. There'll be Christmas crackers, carol singing, good food and great company. All are welcome, but we do have limited space. Please let Siobhán know as soon as possible if you wish to join in the festivities.

On Saturday 29th December, we are invited to join the Community walk in Kinver, starting at Vicky & Paul's house – meeting at 1.45 for 2.00pm start - with soup & goodies afterwards. To allow for catering RSVP on 01384 873080 or 07768 942032

We are all looking forward to this winters production of the Three Kings celebration, The Epiphany Witch: 5th January 2019 at 5pm. The cast is already complete, thank you players!

Our next exhibition, during Advent, will be by local artist Brian Lammas.

Siobhán Porter and Erhard Keller

Priests' time away:

1/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
8-9/12	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
15-16/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
24-26/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
4-5/1	Erhard in Ilkeston
5-6/1	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
7/1-25/1	Siobhán Holiday
12/1	Erhard in Manchester
19-20/1	Erhard in Ilkeston
1-3/2	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
1-2/2	Erhard in Ilkeston
4-15/2	Erhard on Holiday
16-17/2	Erhard in Ilkeston
18-26/2	Siobhán in Stuttgart
1-2/3	Erhard in Ilkeston
2-3/3	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
4-7/3	Synod in Buckfastleigh
16/3	Erhard in Manchester
17/3	Erhard in Ilkeston

Gospel Readings:

Advent

Sunday, December 2	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 9	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 16	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 23	...	Luke 21:25-36

Christmas

Tuesday, December 25		
Midnight	...	Matthew 1:1-25
Dawn	...	Luke 2:1-20
Morning	...	John 21:15-25

Epiphany

Sunday, January 6	...	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 13	...	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 20	...	John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 27	...	Luke 5:17-26
Sunday, February 3		Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, February 10	...	Matthew 8:5-13
Sunday, February 17	...	Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday, February 24	...	Luke 8:1-18
Sunday, March 3	...	Luke 18:18-34
Sunday, March 10	...	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 17	...	Matthew 17:1-13

Office bearers:

Council: Rosemary Martin, Nettie Gordon, Kevin Street, Erhard Keller, Siobhán Porter, Vee Bould, Keith Williamson

Finance Group: Rosie Phillpot, Paul Randon, Maigread Reynolds, Doug Huntley, Erhard Keller, Siobhán Porter

Festival Group: Johannes Moora, Erhard Keller, Siobhán Porter

Office: Rosie Phillpot

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Ironing: Kate Henderson, Rosie Phillpot

Bread baking: Philippa Dathan, Rosie Phillpot

Flowers: Kate Henderson

Garden: Louise Madsen

Parents and Toddlers Group: Janet Klaar

Cleaning: Ryan Walker

Maintenance: Maarten Ekama, Bill Warren

Music: Julian Gilde, Maren and Allen Stott, Joris Boon

Books: Erhard Keller

Exhibitions: Vee Bould, Erhard Keller

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