

# The Christian Community Stourbridge

*Movement for Religious Renewal*

**Advent 2019 to Epiphany 2020**



*“Iron rusts from disuse; stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigour of the mind. So we must stretch ourselves to the very limits of human possibility. Anything less is a sin against both God and man.”*

*Leonardo da Vinci*

## *Regular Services*

Sundays 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Tuesdays 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

No service on 24<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesdays 4.00 - 5.30 Religion Lesson

Wednesdays 4.00 - 5.30 Religion Lesson

5.45 - 6.15 Religion Lesson

Thursdays 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

No service on 7<sup>th</sup> March

3.45 – 5.30 Religion Lesson

The Sunday Service for Children and the Family Service will usually be held at 9.10 for 9.15; dates below

## Advent

### *December 2019*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.15 Service for the Children

11.30 Preparing together for Advent

16.00 **Advent Spiral**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 11.30 **Leonardo da Vinci 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**The artist** - Talk by *Kaethe Henderson*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 19.30 **Christmas Carol Concert**

Given by the *Elmfield Choir*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 16.00 **Santa Lucia Festival**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 17.00 Reading for the Dead

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.15 Family Service

11.30 **An Awakening -**

**What 5G brings**

Talk by *Nick Godwin*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 16.00 **Nativity Play performed by ~ 24 children**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30 **Leonardo da Vinci 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**The Scientist** - Talk by *Kaethe Henderson*

## Christmas and the Twelve Holy Nights

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	16.00	<b>Christmas Eve gathering around the tree</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	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	<b>Christmas dinner in the community room</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>The Evolution of the Creed sentences 1-2</b> Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>The Evolution of the Creed sentences 3-4</b> Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter and Rosie Phillpot</i>
	14.00	Baptism of Boyana Filipova
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>The Evolution of the Creed sentences 5-6</b> Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter and Geraldine Warren</i>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>The Evolution of the Creed sentences 7-8</b> Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>Looking back at 2019</b> Conversation
	20.00	<b>Service with sermon for New Year's Eve</b> Based on St.Paul's Letter to Timothy Music by <i>Michael Jones</i>

## *January 2020*

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>Hopes and intentions for 2020</b> Conversation
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>The Evolution of the Creed sentences 9-10</b> Talk by <i>Paul Randon and Erhard Keller</i>

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>The Evolution of the Creed sentences 11-12</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller and Mark Gaertner</i>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	17.00	<b>The Epiphany Witch</b> A Three Kings play where the three kings and their pages take the Christmas tree away and leave gifts for the children

## Epiphany 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>Building the Star of Grace</b> Workshop making a 3D straw star

### How to help the Dying and the Dead?

#### Epiphany workshop with *Zambhodi Schlossmacher*

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 – 15.30	<b>Playing Sounding Bowls for the dying</b> 16.00-17.30
		<b>I am a healthy person living in a diseased body – a book written by Zambodhi's sister Ute</b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	<b>Bridges between Life and Death</b> A book by Dr. Iris Paxino previewed by <i>Zambodhi</i> who has attended 2 of her workshops in Stuttgart Participation fee £25 full; £15 concession

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	<b>Servers' Meeting (all welcome)</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15	Family Service
	11.30	<b>A foot in the past - a foot in the future!</b> <b>Where do we stand?</b> Conversation led by <i>Kevin Street</i>

### February 2020

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15	Service for the Children Followed by Candlemas festival
	15.00	<b>Family Concert</b> organised by <i>Pam Street</i>

## Trinitarian period

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	<b>Pain - a conversation</b> Led by <i>Rainer Klocke</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	Free for the unforeseen
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9-12	Gardening Morning
	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 23 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	<b>Costume Designs by Jonathan Porter</b> Talk about the exhibition by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
<b>March 2020</b>		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15	Family Service
	11.30	<b>Searching for the Feminine Trinity</b> Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	<b>The Mental Health Seminar</b> Talk by <i>Keith Williamson</i>

Looking Forward:

22 March: 'Faith and Mental Health' Talk by Marina Manassei

1-3 May: Conference with Susan Raven on 'Communicating with the World of Nature Spirits and Elementals'

12-14 June: Weekend seminar with Ralf Rößner on the light root, light ether and ether technology

16-18 October: The 2020 Annual Meeting of The Christian Community in Temple Lodge

Dear Congregation.

This programme holds many and varied events as we go into Advent and the festive season, so hold on to your festive hats and feel welcome to join and participate in as much as you can.

We have the usual community events, and even if they look like they are just for the children, please feel invited, they are for all of us: Especially the Children's Services, The Children's Service for Christmas on Christmas morning, and the new family service, which really is for everyone. The family service started here in Stourbridge at the request of our parents group, other congregations both in the UK and abroad are aware of it, some are considering to celebrate this service also, if they are not already doing so.

On 1st December, we will have our Advent spiral, at 4pm in the church where each year we see how the children find their orientation anew in this beautiful quiet candlelit community supported space.

The 13th December at 4pm will be the Swedish Santa Lucia festival, where children parade with candles and give out saffron bread tell their wishes and messages for Christmas and the future.

On the shortest day of the year 21st December the children's group will perform their Christmas Nativity Play. At the time of going to press we have a cast of 24 children, so it will be worth seeing just to experience how we manage to produce it! The children are very very keen and working very hard busily learning lines and songs and all that is involved. Please do come.

There will be a Christmas surprise at the 4pm Christmas Eve gathering of tree lighting, carol singing and mince pies and punch; we will have just had the nativity play therefore there will not be a Shepherds Pageant on Christmas Eve this year.

Roger Druitt, one of our retired priests, now based in Herefordshire, many of you know him well, will be joining us to celebrate the four Christmas Services. We are delighted that he lives nearby now, and that he is very keen to come to Stourbridge friends to celebrate Christmas.

If you wish to join us for the Christmas Dinner on the 25th at 1pm please do now let Siobhán know. A number of people have put their names down and paid already. It's quite a logistical challenge so please let her know by 12th December, there are still a few places left. £15 adults £10 children.

If you are interested in performing in the Three Kings Play, which Johannes will direct, please let Siobhán know. There are roles for children and adults. The performance will be on the 5th January at 5pm.

Pam Street is once again organising a home grown Family Concert. Last year's was a huge success, a great get together of music and warmth and joy. Please contact Pam [pamstreet@hotmail.com](mailto:pamstreet@hotmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this concert.

Otherwise please come as audience 3pm 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

During the Holy Nights we will focus on: 'On this rock I will build my church' Study of the 12 sentences of the Creed as universal truths, which are a challenge to our world view based on natural



science! In this study we will look at the evolution of these sentences in the 2000 years of Christianity.

In January Zambodhi Schlossmacher, who lives in Stroud, will come to give 3 workshops on themes around dying and death. She also will bring sounding bowls along to experience their soothing sounds.

Siobhán Porter and Erhard Keller

Priests' time away:

7-8/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
7-8/12	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
21-22/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
24-26/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
31/12-1/1	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
4-5/1	Erhard in Ilkeston
18-19/1	Erhard in Ilkeston
25/1	Erhard in Manchester
25-26/1	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
1/2	Erhard in Ilkeston
10/2-17/2	Siobhán in Stuttgart
15-16/2	Erhard in Ilkeston
28/2-22/3	Erhard in India
29/2	Siobhán in Ilkeston
7-8/3	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
14-15/2	Siobhán in Ilkeston
28/3	Erhard in Manchester
29/3	Erhard in Ilkeston

### Gospel Readings 2019-2020

#### Advent

Sunday, December 1	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 8	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, Dec 15	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, Dec 22	...	Luke 21:25-36

#### Christmas

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

#### Epiphany

Monday, January 6	...	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 12	...	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 19	...	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 26	...	John 2:1-11
Sunday, February 2	...	Matthew 9:1-8
Sunday, February 9	...	Luke 8:5-18
Sunday, February 16	...	Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday, February 23	...	Luke 18:18-34
Sunday, March 1	...	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 8	...	Matthew 17:1-13

**Office bearers:**

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

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

*Office:* Rosie Phillpot

*Servers Rota:* Rosemary Martin

*Vestry:* Nettie Gordon, Rosie Phillpot

*Ironing:* Rosie Phillpot + ???

*Bread baking:* Philippa Dathan, Rosie Phillpot

*Flowers:* Kate Henderson

*Garden:* Louise Madsen

*Cleaning:* Ryan Walker

*Maintenance:* Maarten Ekama, Bill Warren, Erhard Keller

*Music:* Julian Gilde, Maren and Alan Stott, Joris Boon

*Books:* Erhard Keller

*Exhibitions:* Vee Bould, Erhard Keller

*Concert Preparation Group:* Kevin Street, Michael Jones, Erhard Keller

*Room bookings:* Erhard Keller

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