

# START THE WEEK 5th Dec 2011

Please find below this week's interim edition of START THE WEEK.

For the time being, any articles or correspondence to do with START THE WEEK should continue to be sent to Liz Ford at [Liz.Ford@CovCofE.org](mailto:Liz.Ford@CovCofE.org)

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR BEREAVED PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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'Remember Our Child', a group for parents who have lost a child at any age, are holding their annual Christmas Service in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral on Tuesday 13th December at 6.00 pm. The loss of children is especially poignant at this time of year and this service welcomes not only parents but whole families the opportunity to reflect, remember and light candles for the one they have lost.

Bereaved parents are welcome to attend the Remember Our Child group which meets on the first Monday of each month in the Chapel of Unity at 5:45pm

For more information see <http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/life-here/remember-our-child.php>.

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## ST LAURENCE CHURCH, BIDFORD-ON-AVON

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ST LAURENCE CHURCH, BIDFORD-ON-AVON - 14th Annual Christmas Tree Festival; Saturday and Sunday 10th + 11th December, 12.00 - 6.00pm. Great atmosphere with the church decorated with lots of Christmas trees! Come and vote for your favourite tree.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, ST LAURENCE CHURCH, ANSLEY (CV10 0QR)

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60 trees set around the lovely church, decorated by individuals, community groups and organisations and with other attractive Christmas items.

The festival will be open as follows:

Saturday 10th December 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 11th December 11.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 14th December 10 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 17th December 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 18th December 11.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Admission £2, children free

Refreshments available. In aid of Church funds and 10% to Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. For more information visit the church web site [www.ansleychurch.org](http://www.ansleychurch.org)

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## THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY BOYS CHOIR

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The Warwickshire County Boys Choir are giving a special Christmas concert at St. Nicolas Parish Church in Nuneaton on Thursday December 22nd at 7-30 p.m. Formed only in 2008 they are already a renowned and award-winning choir, appearing this year in the final of BBC T.V.'s "Choir of the Year". Led by the former Director of Warwickshire County Music Service, Garry Jones, they are a group of 40-60 eight to thirteen year old boys from over 40 different schools. Together they make glorious music, and this concert should be one of the highlights of North Warwickshire's musical year.

Tickets are all priced at the concessionary rate of £2. For further information contact Derek Hince on 02476 346711

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## CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE - ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHERBOURNE

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CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE, 11 December, 6:00pm, All Saints Church, Church Road, Sherbourne, Warwick CV35 8AP. You are invited to join us this Sunday evening at our Traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Our lovely Victorian church is lit only in candlelight as we tell the Christmas story. The atmosphere is magical... you won't want to miss it.

For more information telephone Gail Frost, 0771-4073321. [www.sherbournearwick.blogspot.com](http://www.sherbournearwick.blogspot.com)

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LYME REGIS ORGAN SCHOOL, WINTER WORKSHOP, 16-18 FEBRUARY 2012

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The Glories of French Organ Music from 1600 to the present. The workshop, led by Philip Scriven, includes lectures, recitals, masterclasses and personal study sessions. Participants will be able to play the new 3 manual Skrabl organ in Lyme Regis parish church, and also a Hauptwerk reproduction of the large Cavillé Coll in La Madelaine, Paris. Cost £160, not including accommodation. To obtain a leaflet, application form and further details, please contact Dr Richard Godfrey [rgodfrey78@hotmail.com](mailto:rgodfrey78@hotmail.com) tel 01297 445709 or Desmond Chaffey [desmond.chaffey@btinternet.com](mailto:desmond.chaffey@btinternet.com) tel 01305 250528 [www.lymeregisorganschool.org](http://www.lymeregisorganschool.org)

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REMINDER: ST NICHOLAS CHURCH KENILWORTH - THE KINGS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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Two concerts on Sunday 11 December. "The King's Chamber Orchestra are professional, creative, inspiring, entertaining, but more than that, they enable the listeners to tune into the melody of heaven" J. John. See their website <http://www.kingschamberorchestra.co.uk/index.php>

The 3pm concert 'Simply Teddy' a fifty-minute programme designed for families with children 0 to 10 years. Bring a teddy! Musical items to include Debussy, Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Strauss, Tchaikovsky & James Brown. Tickets £5.00 for children and adults.

The 7.30 pm concert is an Invitation to Dance, suitable for adults and older children, a celebration of life presented with charm, humour and originality through the music of Tchaikovsky, Ravel, Dvorak, Bernstein, Strauss and others. Tickets £12.00 for adults and £8.00 for children.

Tickets available from: -

Parish Office phone 01926 857509 (9.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday to Friday)  
Keith Grierson (Church Warden) phone 01926 / 855616 or

REMINDER: CHORAL CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION - THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6.30 PM  
ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE

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Guest choir Musica Sacra, under their director Dr Gerard Hyland, will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on December 8th, the feast day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The organist will be Adrian Moore, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and the choir will be singing a Mass setting by Gruber (the composer of Silent Night), as well as leading the congregation in singing the hymns and responses etc. This service will be Anglo-Catholic in style, with a procession and incense. As on previous occasions, there will be wine (possibly mulled), cheese scones and other refreshments after the service. Do come and join us for the service and the party afterwards. You will be most welcome. Enquiries to Rosemary King, [rbking007@btinternet.com](mailto:rbking007@btinternet.com)

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REMINDER: ST OSWALD'S ADVICE CENTRE, TILE HILL, COVENTRY

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St Oswald's Advice Centre meets every Friday between 9.30am and 12.00 noon, in the parish hall in Jardine Crescent, Coventry, to support people who are in difficulty by offering them free, impartial, and confidential advice on Welfare Rights, Benefits, Housing, Legal, Health, Local and National Services, enabling them to gain access to Legal, Local Authority, and National Government Services, including Welfare.

St Oswald's services are provided by volunteer advisors and also volunteer students from Warwick University and is currently the only provider of advice in this area of the city. We are a member of Advice UK.

We are looking to strengthen our staff levels with volunteers to provide this much needed requirement for the people of Tile Hill, and Coventry. If you are a qualified Advice Worker, a retired solicitor or lawyer, worked for a trade union or jobcentre or DHSS, or just keen to help others and wish to enhance our Centre by giving your time - one Friday morning a week - then please telephone Father Nicholas Leggett, Chairman of the Advice Centre on 07762-156380 for more details.

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