

GEOFFREY PHELPS RIP

It was with great sadness that we announced last Sunday the death of Geoff, head server and a faithful parishioner here at Saint Luke's for many years. He is going to be welcomed into Church on Wednesday at 6pm when there will be a short service of reception which people are welcome to come to if they would like. The Mass on that Wednesday will also be in church with Geoff and is going to be particularly convenient for any who finds it difficult to come the following day for his funeral requiem. Geoff will rest overnight in the church that he has served so faithfully over the years in the sanctuary of God where he acted as a faithful servant.

On the Thursday our Mass will be as normal at 10.00am and this will be in the Walsingham Chapel and we hope as many as possible will make every effort to be here in the afternoon at 1.15pm for Geoff's funeral requiem Mass before he leaves Saint Luke's for the cremation at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium at 2.30pm. Geoff's family would also like to extend a warm invitation to all of his many friends here at Saint Luke's to come back to a reception in our parish centre where there will be a further opportunity for us to reflect upon his life and give thanks for his love.

Our condolences are extended to his family – his daughters, their husbands and his grandchildren, and of course Dorothy his very dear sister. We rejoice that he and Helen are once again reunited in the joy of God's heavenly kingdom.

Jesus Mercy, Mary Pray.

(Geoff left detailed instructions for his funeral, which has made life so much easier for his family and is a great example to us all.)

100 Club – there are five places left for our 100 Club. Please have a word with Vera Butler if you would like to join. With a top prize of £75 and a second prize of £25 each month and at only £2 a number it not only gives you a good chance of winning, but it supports our work here at Saint Luke's.

Carol Service – is this evening at 5pm. There is a rehearsal after coffee this morning for those taking part.

Children's Nativity – will be part of our Mass next Sunday at 10.30. Would all children stay in church for our dress rehearsal this morning.

Christmas Services – Midnight Mass is 11.30pm and Christmas Day for all the family at 10.30am. The rest of our Masses are all at the normal time, weather permitting in Church.

Christmas Stars – Christmas Greetings – in lieu of Christmas Cards we are inviting everybody to buy a star, write it and place it on the notice-board in the hall, so everyone feels included.

Farewell Meal – would all those who signed up for the meal ensure they pay their deposits to Ann. All 100 places are now taken. There is a reserve list and the balance will be due in the new year.

Christmas Carol Singing – on Saturday immediately following our Mass there will be coffee served and then we are making our way to the Kingstanding Circle for our Carol Singing. An opportunity for us to witness to our faith and handout Christmas cards detailing our services. Please do join us – as many as people as possible – we are looking for bodies not voices!

The clergy - would like to express their gratitude for the cards and greetings that they have received over this holiday period. May God bless you all.

Christmas Karaoke – why not join us on Sunday 30th December for our Christmas Karaoke with tickets at just £1. Drinks will be available but why not bring your own? A great chance to come and relax together and sing off some of those Christmas Calories.