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Good Afternoon  
CoCoChu.....



Beginning December 1st  
Each evening, read 1 chapter of  
The Book of Luke in the Bible.  
There are 24 chapters.  
On Christmas Eve, you will have  
read the whole account of  
Jesus's life and wake up on  
Christmas Morning knowing  
Who and Why we  
Celebrate Christmas.

Kelly's  
Treehouse

A bit of Christmas reading sent by Gordon.....

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## All the Latest news at CoCoChu.....

Good afternoon CoCoChu,

The importance of the FoodBank featured heavily in a Channel 4 Dispatches documentary this week that talks about poverty and how 1 in 3 children in this Country are growing up poor. In Malvern according to FoodBank statistics this equates to 1683 families in Malvern who accessed the FoodBank. 626 of these were children. Pete Greig said "We need to fight injustice with every fibre of our beings - especially at Christmas #Advent.

I have just produced our latest FoodBank Rota. This means you only need drop at the school or Walwyn Road and this will be delivered to the FoodBank by our team. Lets be a special blessing this year and get behind the Foodbank! There are only 2 more deliveries before Christmas so get in there CoCoChu!

Missed this documentary please check it out - So Sad :-(  
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches>

### **Heres a joke from Gordon to cheer us all up:**

A young woman goes for a job interview.

Man: We are looking for somebody who can do the work of six men.

Young woman: Oh! Shame I was looking for a full time job.

### **What's been going on at CoCoChu this week:**

- We have printed some flyers for the **farmyard nativity** which have gone in all the school bags at Colwall Primary School. Unfortunately due to flooding the venue has been changed and this event will now take place at St James Church Colwall. Flyer and details below! This Sunday at 3.30pm.
- A group of us led by Jill had a reflection meeting at Cafe Morso to discuss the regional gathering. We made a list of things we can improve on for next time

regular gatherings, we made a list of things we can improve on for next time and a list of positives to take away from the event. This was so useful. Thanks for leading this Jill.

- **Ale house Christmas lunch took place yesterday.**  
42 well fed happy people at the Alehouse today, 30 guests and the rest helpers from StJames, Coccochu and Colwall Ladies Club and a long standing helper attached to none of these! Tables beautifully laid, good food well cooked and guests who spend so much time alone given time and attention. A fine example of whole village caring for whole village. AWESOME!
- **Our Leadership Team** met this week with no agenda but to pray, seek God, pray for those who need prayer, for capacity and what to focus on. Please pray for our Leaders to have time with their families, to be renewed over Christmas, to be given vision for the next season of church life.
- We now have a **Church Facebook page** which will be managed by me. Please like and share. Its a great way of sharing news with the community via the page and sharing events by its members! I have set-up security measures so that posts are managed and verified by me! Please interact, engage and share the pages. Lets' get his name known and remove the stigma of church. Normal folk but followers of an almighty God.
- **Christmas Decs** are up at CoCoChu and we are feeling very festive! We had so many helpers this morning, which was brilliant. Have included some pics. One Val won't thank me for but isn't Val just so inspiring. She gets stuck into everything!!!!!! Love you Val :-)
- Phillipa came to the office this week. It was so lovely to catch up and see her. She misses us all and we miss her too :-)
- I met with Tom to discuss **Alice starting**. Tom has prepared an induction week where we will encourage Alice, get her on her feet and establish the terms for the grant. Alice will be supported in her role by a management team which will consist of Safeguarding, Leadership, Trustee, youth member and maybe even a parent. This team will meet termly to ensure Alice is supported, cared for and focusing on the important things.
- We have also ordered some office chairs for Tom, Joanna and Alice - I already have one donated!

### **New Youth Worker**

Alice Hill is our new BBC Children In Need Youth worker (Wahooooo). She was interviewed in church last Sunday. Missed it? We have uploaded her interview to the sermon page of our website. Check it out. Alice will be starting Monday 16th December! VERY VERY Exciting. Click on the link if you missed it: [alice-interview-05-12-19/](http://alice-interview-05-12-19/)

### **Carols @ Evendine....**

The **residential Home in Evendine Lane** has asked whether the Community

THE PARISH COUNCIL AT EVERINGE LAKE, HAS ASKED WHETHER THE COMMUNITY Church would spread some Christmas cheer and sing some carols to their residents one afternoon before Christmas. The date has been set for **Sunday 15th December (in the afternoon) time to be confirmed.**

Are you around in the day to join in with this? Please contact David and Mary  
**What a lovely opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer!!!**

### **Homegroups**

I am aware there are a few activities / groups that take place alternate weeks. Like afternoon tea and various home groups. I can't always keep track of when these are. If your group is running and you would like it in church news can you send me a little reminder e-mail? This way everyone knows in advance and it doesn't get missed. :-)

### **A note from Colin J about what the Yoof were up to on Sunday:**

We had another challenge this week from Rob Bell and the Nooma video Rich. Watch it and discuss what you think with your friends.

"Let's be honest. It's easy to go to a church service, it's easy to read the Bible, it's easy to discuss who believes what and who's right and who's wrong. It's easy. But when Jesus talks about his followers, he talks about people who are generous, people who clothe the naked, take food to the hungry, take water to the thirsty, people who visit the prisoner, people who invite the stranger in, people who give their time, people who give their energy, people who give their money."

Can we live like it all belongs to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRiwHGRFaJI>

### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

St James Church are running a Christmas coffee morning at Colwall Village Hall on Saturday 14th December at 10.30am with lots of activities and an 11am appearance from Father Christmas. All welcome. Flyer included below.

### **Last Sunday**

Tom shared a Video last Sunday as part 1 of our Advent Series "Actively Waiting". I am posting it here for you to watch again. Ready for Part 2 this Sunday. Please click the link below to catch up.

[Actively Waiting Video - Part 1](#)

### **THIS SUNDAY**

**Sunday 8th December - Andy Schulkins**

Advent Series - Encounters with Jesus Part 2 \*Passively Waiting\*.

**Aslan groups**

Luke 1 v25-56 - MARY

Ps I love it when people share things with the church office. We are want to know what's going on, whose doing what and how we can make a difference. Please feel free to contact the office anytime to laugh, cry or share something that God is doing in your life.

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5:30pm nativity, carols  
and stories followed by  
festive refreshments

Sunday 8th December



St James Church, Colwall, Mill Lane, WR136HE



# CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



with Father  
Christmas  
from 11am



Saturday  
14th December  
10:30am, Colwall  
Village Hall

mince pies  
mulled wine



In aid of St James's Church Colwall

**cakes & produce  
table decorations  
children's activities**



**Join us for our modern take  
on Christmas Carols**

**WOULD  
YOU  
BELIEVE IT?**

**COLWALL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2019  
5.00 PM-6.00PM**

**JOIN US FOR SOME MULLED APPLE JUICE  
/MINCE PIE OR EVEN A HOT CHOCOLATE  
AND A DOUGHNUT AFTER THE SERVICE**

**P.S. May you leave with a full heart and Christmas cheer**



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## **Dates for your Diary-**

### **Sunday 8th December @ 3.30pm - Colwall St James - Farmyard Nativity**

An evening service of farm animals and the Christmas Story. Suitable for the whole family.

### **Saturday 14th December @ 10.30am Christmas Coffee Morning**

Colwall Village Hall: Mince pies, mulled wine, Cakes, table decorations and Childrens activities

### **Sunday 15th December - Time TBC - Carols at Evendine residential home**

Sing some festive carols to those at Evendine Lane residential home and spread some Christmas Cheer.

### **Carols by Candlelight / Fairy light Sunday 22nd December 5 - 6pm**

A Christmas family celebrations for the village - open to all. Traditional carols and videos.

### **Christmas Day Service @ Walwyn Road - Wednesday 25th December 10.30am**

A short service offering praise and thanks for all he has done.

## **Want to share in giving?**

CoCoChu is entirely supported by the giving of people who come here. If you would like to speak to someone about giving, then see anyone of the leadership team who can point you in the right direction.

Our giving is totally anonymous to all but the finance team – most people give by standing order, but if you prefer there is a black box for offerings and donations on the welcome desk. If you are a tax payer please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable the church to recover tax and make the money go further. Once completed these can be put in the black box.

Bank details if you need them are: Colwall Community Church 09-01-54 73133709.

By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." Acts 20:35

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