



# Orthodox Christian Church of the Holy Apostles

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## *Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust*

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## **Newsletter January 2020**



### **BLESSING OF THE WATER**

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> January after the holy liturgy we will have a service of the blessing of the water. Please bring a small clean container to take some holy water home with you.

### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

If you would like to have your home blessed for the new year, please speak to Father Dionysios to arrange a suitable date and time.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be Sunday School on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing all the children there.

### **NEW FUNDRAISING EVENT 29 FEBRUARY 2020**

Please mark this date into your calendar for a fundraising event. Details to follow in announcements and next months newsletter.

### **FOOD BANK**

Thank you for continuing to support your Local Food Bank. During **November** your donations helped us to support an average of **81** households every week by giving out **112** food parcels. We still have ample supplies of baked beans, pasta, cereal and soup. So, the following would be helpful: •Rice •Tinned meat •Tinned fruit & puddings •Tea

If you can help it will be greatly appreciated.

### **ROOF FUND APPEAL**

*We have made a good start to our fundraising with some donations directly to the church. Our current total is **£4150**. Please continue to share our appeal to anyone you feel will support us.*

We would love it if you took a moment to check out our GoFundMe campaign:

[https://www.gofundme.com/roof-fund-appeal&rcid=r01-153270114942-8a1d9c932b7f4da4&pc=em\\_co\\_campmgmt\\_w](https://www.gofundme.com/roof-fund-appeal&rcid=r01-153270114942-8a1d9c932b7f4da4&pc=em_co_campmgmt_w)

There is also a basket for donations in the church, remember to gift aid and make your donation go further. Your support would mean a lot. Thank you so much!

***XPOVIA POLLA AND HAPPY NAME DAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR SAINT'S DAY IN JANUARY.*** Anyone who has not given Pres Rebecca their name day details please do so.

7 January	St John the Baptist	Jomes Mathew Giannis Kipou Yannis Joshua Terzakis Ioannis Paraskevas Joanna Skartsi
10 January	St Gregory of Nyssa	Gregory Baker
17 January	St Anthony	Anthony Laledakis Antonio Pratsas Antonios Papakonstantinou
19 January	St Maria	Marianne Beckett
21 January	St Agni	Agni Beckett
28 January	St Ephrem	Yew Han Baker
28 January	St Marianna	Marianna Kipou

***NEW DETAILS?***

Please let me know if you have moved to a new house, have a new telephone number or changed email address. Many thanks. rlhiggs@hotmail.co.uk 07890 208539

***MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL***

If you or anyone you know from church is unwell, please do let me know so that we can help in whatever way we can. Thank you.

***CHURCH HALL***

We are happy to let you know that our church hall is being utilised on a regular basis, but if you know of anyone who is looking for hall space then please speak to a member of the committee. It has also been decided to make the hall available for children's birthday parties, so please spread the word! There will be a leaflet printed shortly which may be used to advertise the hall for the parties. If you would like some then please speak to a member of the committee.

***NEWSLETTER INCLUSIONS***

The deadline for any announcements, news, Christian book reviews or articles is the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you wish for it to be included for more than one month, then please specify the length of time. All items may be emailed to Nicky at [ntpratsas@yahoo.com](mailto:ntpratsas@yahoo.com).

**Services and Events for December 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service/Event</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 24th Sunday After Pentecost <a href="#">Sunday School Party</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 25th Sunday After Pentecost
5 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 29th Sunday After Pentecost <a href="#">Blessing of the Water for Holy Theophany</a> <a href="#">Sunday School</a>
12 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

18 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Liturgy Dalton-in-Furness
19 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost
26 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost