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Newsletter December 2017

NATIVITY COLLECTION

Nativity collection This year our nativity collection will go to SLEAP. The Service was set up in the autumn of 1992 as the 'Leyland Churches Homeless Project' to provide Emergency Accommodation by Host Families for homeless Young People in the Leyland area.

SLEAP now also provide a Supported Lodgings Scheme, which offers medium term accommodation to enable Young People to live more independently. For a number of Young People going back to live within a structured family situation can be very challenging. However, most benefit from this support and in turn are then more able to maintain their move-on accommodation.

SLEAP is a voluntary organisation and a registered charity. It is managed by a Board of Trustees who represent a number of churches in Leyland.

We provide over 2,000 bednights, supporting between 25 - 40 Young People, every year, so there is an ongoing need for this kind of support. We accommodate Young People (16-25 year-olds) in Host Families, from the South Ribble, Chorley, Preston and West Lancashire areas. Young People find themselves homeless for a variety of reasons and we interview them and assess them before we ask our Host Families to give them a bed for the night.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Christmas party will take place on the 10th December this year. No Sunday School on 24th December.

SAVE THE DATE

Sat 27th January 2018 Curry night Fundraiser at our church hall- details to follow

FOOD BANK

There is now a collection box for the foodbank in the narthex as well as the church hall. Please add extra items that you may not have thought about donating are boxes of carton milk, tinned meat, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on the christening of baby Eva! Many years to you sweet girl.



ROOF FUND APPEAL

We need to raise about £4000 for repairs and re-roofing to the flat roofs around the church hall and other general repairs to the outside walls as a matter of urgency. Please give to this appeal if you are able, letting Gregory know it is for that purpose. Cheques should be made out to “Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust” and sent to 58 Kingswood Rd, Leyland, PR25 2UN. You may donate via Bacs: Lloyds TSB Sort Code: 30-96-85, Account 03316001, Ref: Your Surname, Roof fund. If you are a UK tax payer, please maximise your giving by completing the Gift Aid declaration. Thank you Fr Dionysios

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

4 December	St Barbara	Barbara Kelsall
6 December	St Nicholleta	Nicoletta Habel
	St Nicholas	Nicky Pratsas
		Nicky Vasiliou
9 December	St Anna	Anna Dunklow
12 December	St Spyridon	Spyridon Tsoutsoumpis
22 December	Great Martyr Anastasia	Anastasia Lionaki
22 December	St Matthew	Nathan Mathew
25 December	Emmanuel	Manos Terzakis
		Christos Gaitatzis
		Chris Beckett
		Chrisoula Chapell
		Kristian Emett
		Chrisoulla Skartsi
26 December	St Joseph	Ligomel Mathew
27 December	Archdeacon Stephen	Stefan Carpinici

NEW DETAILS?

Please let me know if you have moved house, have a new telephone number or changed email address. Many thanks.
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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 26th 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.

Services and Events for December 2017		
Date	Time	Service/Event
3 December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy
6 December	7:00pm	Vespers
10 December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy Sunday School Christmas Party
13 December	7:00pm	Vespers
17 December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy
20 December	7:00pm	Vespers
22 December	11:00am	Royal hours will finish at about midday followed by tea and mince pies.
24 December	10:30am 5:00pm	Liturgy of St Basil Vespers of Christmas eve to finish about 6:15pm
25 December	10:00am	Holy Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
27 December	7:00pm	Vespers
31 December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy

***No services in Dalton-in-Furness this month.**