

The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with St Michael & All Angels Hudswell

Sunday 9th December 2018. Advent 2

We offer a warm welcome to any visitors who are here with us today. Please stay for refreshments after the service. This morning's service is for everyone and if needed there is a children's area at the back of church. Lord's Prayer and Communion Cubes for children are available for anyone to use during the service. Please just ask if you would like to borrow one.

Large print hymn and service books are available. Please ask one of the sidespeople.

Today.

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 12th December

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 13th December

10.30am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 16th December

8.00am Holy Communion

Reading: Luke 3:7-18

10.00am Worship for All

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Thank you to all who donated to the **Charity of the month** last week raising £249 for **Water Aid**.

Please add any suggestions for charity collections for 2019 to the list at the back of church.

Thank you to all who made the Christingle service such a success, raising £309.18 for The Children's Society.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please use the **Parish Prayer Diary** in the Magazine, also remembering:

those in **urgent need of prayer**

Joan Rutterford

those in need of **ongoing prayer**

Liz Atkinson, Jennie Beaumont, Mary Hartnell, Jennifer Jackson, Stephen Lambert, Harriet Ridley, Hannah Sawford, Don Wade, Carole Ward, Christopher White, David Willey, Josh Winch and all the patients at the Friary Hospital

those who mourn, as we give thanks for the life of

Alexander McCreesh, Ada Taylor, Patricia Denton

and please pray for the **growth of our church**.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – If you would like to the name of a loved one to be entered in this Book please contact Alexe Roberts (01609 881216).

Prayer meetings – in recent weeks a small group has been meeting in church on Sunday evenings to pray for the needs of the parish. All are welcome to join the group. Today's meeting is at 7.45pm, when we will gather around the votive candle stand near Ruth's Window. To learn more, or if you would like to be part of a new group meeting at a different point in the week, please speak to Martin.

Do you shop online? If so, without any cost to you, you can ensure that 1-2% of the cost of your purchases goes to St Mary's. Visit www.everyclick.com, enter our charity number (1132585, 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Richmond with Hudswell'), and follow the instructions to sign up to *Give as you Live*. Every time you make a purchase you will be supporting our Church.

Wanted

People to help with our new weekly Baby and Toddler group which starts on January 10th.

If you are interested in giving a helping hand please contact Siân on sianlawton@googlemail.com or 07583 874203.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

As we have done in previous years you have the option to donate to Christian Aid by putting **1 card** at the back of church, **addressed to all your friends at St Mary's** and **give what you would have spent on cards/postage to Christian Aid**. There will be envelopes available and/or you can give your donation to a churchwarden or to Judith Barber. Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 11th December at 2pm. **Mothers Union** Advent Eucharist at St Mary's, followed by tea and mince pies. All are welcome.

Tuesday 11th December at 7pm. **Festive Concert by the Band of the Royal Armoured Corps**, featuring their Wind Band and Big Band performing carols and Christmas film music. No ticket required (donations at the church door to St Mary's). All are welcome.

Wednesday 12th December at 7pm. **The Mayoral Carol Concert** at St Mary's church. Always popular, this event brings together **Leyburn Band** and school children from all over the area. Great music and atmosphere.

Saturday 15th December, 9:00am-12noon. **St Mary's Church Christmas Coffee Morning** at the Town Hall. Any donations for stalls, tombola, raffle, jams, chutneys etc can be left at the back of Church; cakes please bring to the Town Hall on the day! Any offers of help in the kitchen or serving to Margaret Clayson or Susan Scrafton. Please support and bring your friends. Our choir will be singing carols between 10am and 11am.

Saturday 15th December at 6.30pm. **The Station Singers** present '**Home for Christmas Peace at Last**' at St Mary's Church, in support of local charities. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets £8 (£10 on the door.) Children free but ticket required. Tickets from Christine Stedman (824664).

Wednesday 19th December at 2pm, **Women's Fellowship**. You are warmly invited to join us at the Town Hall for our Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by refreshments.

Friday 21st December at 7pm, **Guilds' Carol Service**. All are welcome to attend the service and join the Guild members for seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 23rd December at 7pm **Carols and Barrels** at the George and Dragon pub in Hudswell. Popular festive songs and carols around a log fire. Always fun.

All notices for the next pew sheet to Claire Murray by noon on Wednesday please.

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