

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

Sunday 10th November 2017. 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.

There is an induction loop system in the church for those who would find it useful. Large print hymn and service books are available. Please ask one of the sidespeople.

Today

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bishop John
Readings	Mark.1:1-8, Isaiah.40:1-11, 2 Peter.3:8-15.	
10.00am	Sung Eucharist	Bishop John
6.30pm	Sung Evensong	Scott Lunn

Wednesday 13th December 2017

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th December 2017

10.30am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 17th December 2017

8.00am	Holy Communion	Rev. Mark
Readings	John 1:6-8 19-25	
10.00am	Worship for All	Rev. Mark
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Gillian Lunn

Charity of the Month. Thank you to all who donated to the charity of the month, raising £170 for **Family Help Women's Refuge, Darlington.**

Olive wood items. Today is your last chance to buy one (or more) of the hand carved olive wood articles made by Christian Palestinian families in Bethlehem.

All money raised goes back to the local families in time for Christmas. Please pray for justice and peace for both Palestinians and Israelis. You can also contact Anne on 822277.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for:

Those mentioned in the Daily Prayer Calendar in the magazine.

All those in particular need of God's comfort and healing, including, Bill Abbott, Liz Atkinson, Margaret Barrett, George Bell, Harry Bell, Caroline Conway, Adam Gedye, Margaret Grady, Eilidh Hallett, Mary Hartnell, Tim Harris, Doreen Hooton, Jennifer Mole, Vera Newman, Margaret Rucroft, Shaun Tindill, Carole Ward, John Willis and all the patients at the Friary Hospital.

We commend unto God's merciful keeping those who have recently died. We pray that God will bring comfort to all who mourn their loss, including William Reeves.

Also those whose anniversaries fall during the coming week:

10th Margot Whiteley, David Crouch, Rita Rodber

11th Cecil Lightowler, Aaron Booth, Louis Neasham

13th Peter Rutter, Peter Porter

15th Robert Atkinson, Bertha Sledge

16th Clarice Evans, Robert Beevers

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – Any names to be entered in this Book should be given to Ann McDonald (01748 823223) along with the date of death and a donation of £5.

Round Pound Coins. Old style round pound coins are now no longer legal tender. There are thousands of pounds worth of these coins in people's pockets, piggy banks and at the back of sofas. You can't spend them but the bank have agreed to exchange them for the church. We've opened a special Round Pound Donation Box at the back of the church. Check your pockets and furniture and give these old coins a good home.

Thank you to all who attended and helped making the **Christingle Service** such a success, raising £236.15 for **The Children's Society**.

Donate to Christian Aid this Christmas. A reminder that you can put your greetings onto the poster at the back of church and donate the money you would have spent on cards to Christian Aid instead, using the Christian Aid envelopes provided. Thank you to all who give in this way.

The Church Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 23rd December. We realise that this is a very busy time but would be most grateful for your support please come and enjoy tea or coffee and carol singing. If you could donate to the stalls, tombola, raffle, cakes, jams and chutney, jewellery, scarves and bags please speak to Susan Scrafton, 824106 offers of help in the kitchen to Margaret Clayton 822631.

Windows through time – The Stained Glass Windows of St Mary's Church.

Published in 2009 by Carol Gedye as the fruit of the research necessitated in commissioning "Ruth's Window", this colourful publication tells the stories behind the windows of our Parish Church. It also details the depictions of the windows themselves and their designers. It is now available from the back of church at a cost of £5. Informative and interesting reading – this would make the ideal Christmas gift.

Also available is the booklet "Ruth's Window" at a cost of £2. All money raised goes into church funds.

The next **Fair Trade stall** in Church will be on January 28th 2018.

If you need anything before then please contact Rachel on 01748 818046 or remwalker7@gmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th December. The Mothers Union Eucharist with Tea and Mince Pies to follow.

Saturday 16th December 7.30pm The Richmondshire Choral Society sing 'Sleepers Wake!' by JS Bach, Mass in G by F Schubert and 'Jubilate Natale' by Mark Harrison (first public performance) plus carols. Tickets are £10 from choir members, Castle Hill Books or online at richchoral.org.uk or at the door.

Sunday 24th December 4pm. St Mary's Crib Service. Children are encouraged to come dressed as one of the characters from the Nativity and take part as the story unfolds.

Friday 29th December 7pm. The Vacation Chamber Orchestra is holding a Winter Concert at St. Mary's. Tickets available on the door, online or from Freda Dykes 823714. £10 for adults, free for under 16's. For more information please visit the website www.vaco.net

All notices for the next pew sheet to Claire Murray **by Wednesday evening** please.

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