

Please send any notices, news or events for the Pew Sheet by noon on Wednesday, thank you.

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## **The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with Hudswell**



### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve**

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

#### **All are welcome at St. Mary's Church**

You are welcome to attend services in person, online or by dialling in.  
The church is open daily for private prayer, 9am–dusk.

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent):

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** **Parish Communion**

Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16, Romans 16: 25 -end, Luke 1: 26-38

Hymns: 56 / 68 / 63 / Born in the night / 55

(Christmas Eve):

**4.00pm** **Crib Service**

**11.30pm** **Midnight Mass**

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** **Christmas Communion**

#### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**No Service** these will resume next week

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas)

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** **Parish Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 61:10 to 62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2: 5-21

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024**

**9.15am** Holy Communion

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**

**10.30am** Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024** (Epiphany)

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** **Parish Communion**

**4.00pm** **Epiphany Party for all the family**

Our financial viability depends on us! To support the work of our church please make a donation as you enter or leave the church (cash or card), or click here: [Richmond with Hudswell PCC | Stewardship](#) Thank you. To join our Planned Giving scheme please see the website 'Giving' page.

At Sunday 10am Communion services our 'GoodPlate' card reader will be presented during the Offertory hymn as a symbol of our gifts.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need** of prayer:

Amber, Sylvia, Claire, Cliff Bilbrough, Cecilia, Philip Welch, Peter Ward, Lukas Walker-Fraser

those in need of **ongoing prayer**:

Christine, Edna, Frank, Hilary, Elizabeth Bassindale, Eddie Burrell, Martin Dando, John Earnshaw, Margaret Emmerson, Howard Finch, George Metcalfe, Neil Thwaite, Ashton Bowles

those who mourn as **we give thanks** for the life of those we know who have recently died,

and of those known to us whose **anniversary** falls during this period.

29<sup>th</sup> Dec Lewis Harrison

6<sup>th</sup> Jan Anne Simpson 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Marlene Samways

**Book of Remembrance** If you would like the name of a loved one to be entered in this book, please contact the Parish Administrator, Colin Hicks.

## **The December Charity of the Month is USPG**

United Society Partners in the Gospel is an Anglican mission agency. Founded in 1701, USPG today partners churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice [www.uspg.org](http://www.uspg.org)

## **Christian Aid Appeal**

As has become our custom at St Mary's, we have a space at the back of church for people to "send" one card to all their friends and display it, giving a donation to Christian Aid instead of buying extra cards and perhaps posting them. Donations can be made online or handed to Martin Clarke, a Churchwarden or myself, Judith Barber. Many thanks in advance for your continued support for Christian Aid.

## **Nine Lessons and Carols last week**

Thank you to all the choristers who took part in the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols last weekend and those former choristers who returned to sing on the day. It was a splendid service and much appreciated by all. Special thanks to Andrew Christer for his excellent accompaniment as always. *Colin Hicks*

## **Magazine Subscriptions**

Thank you to all those who have paid their Magazine subscriptions by Bank transfer, Cheque or Cash for the 2024 issues of the Magazine. If there are any outstanding subscriptions, please pass them to Colin or a Churchwarden to ensure that you receive 'Connections' during the coming year.

## **Thank you**

A heartfelt thank you to Martin, Paul and all of our 'retired' clergy team for all the hard work they have put in, not only during this busy Advent / Christmas season but throughout the year. It is much appreciated by all of the congregation and those in the wider community who they serve. We all look forward to working with them in the coming year to further the work and ministry of this church in our town and beyond.

## **Epiphany Party for all the family, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 4pm**

All are welcome as Chris Denton and Camilla Campling-Denton return for a concert of with seasonal music and song, joined this time by Song Squad. There will also be poetry and readings – and festive refreshments (giving you an ideal opportunity to bring and share those Christmas leftovers!).

The 10am service will therefore be a normal Parish Communion.

***Exploring Faith to return*** (at the Rokeby Inn, DL11 7QW, 10am-12:00) 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Very Revd Prof Martyn Percy, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 'Alice in Ecclesialand: What Churches do in Principle and Practice.' 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the Rt Revd Dr David Stancliffe, former Bishop of Salisbury. Further details to follow.

## **Readers and Intercessors at St. Mary's**

The readers and those who lead Intercessions are a vitally important part of our ministry team at St. Mary's. If you would like to join the rota either as a reader or as a leader of our intercessions, please speak to Martin.