

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 St Michael & All Angels, Hudswell

**Sunday 18th December 2022 4th Sunday of Advent &
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day**

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. Please join us for **Morning Prayer** each Monday-Friday at 8:30am.

Sunday 18th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
6.30pm **Service of 9 Lessons and Carols**

Wednesday 21st December

9.15am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thursday 22nd December

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

4pm Richmond Crib Service (Children invited to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds or any other Nativity Character)
5.30pm Traditional Crib Service with Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Mary's
Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10, Hebrews 1: 1-4, John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Christmas Communion
Readings: Isaiah 62: 6-end, Titus 3: 4-7, Luke 2: 1-20

Our ongoing viability depends on your financial support

Please make a donation (cash or card) as you enter or leave the church, or click here: [Richmond with Hudswell PCC | Stewardship](#) Thank you. To join our Planned Giving scheme please see 'Giving' on the website.

Looking ahead to the week after Christmas

Wednesday 28th December

9.15am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thursday 29th December

There will be no service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel. Services at Holy Trinity will resume on Thursday 5th January.

Sunday 1st January 2023 (2nd Sunday of Christmas)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9, Hebrews 2: 10-end, Matthew 2: 13-end

PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need** of prayer:

Cecilia, Olive Harrison, Howard Finch, Peter, Kevin

those in need of **ongoing prayer**:

Tate Bowles, Eddie Burrell, Jean Coulthard, John Earnshaw, Margaret Emmerson, Graham Merlane, Doreen Sayers, Amber, Christine, Hilary, Ruth, and the patients and staff at the Friary Hospital

those who mourn as **we give thanks** for the life of:

George Stafford

and those whose **anniversary** falls during this period:

20th John Blenkiron snr

29th Lewis Harrisson

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.

December Charity of the Month: Darlington Women's Refuge

This charity supports women and children who experience violence and abuse, including domestic violence, sexual violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, so-called 'honour'-based violence, human trafficking and modern slavery. They tailor their support to suit individual needs, running a range of services including refuges, community-based projects, culturally-specific services, children's services and support for women going through the criminal justice system. www.familyhelp.org.uk

Tonight! Sunday 18th The Service of 9 Lessons and Carols 6.30pm

It is still not too late to join us this evening in the choir for the Service of 9 Lessons and Carols! If you would like to sing, let me know after the service and we would be glad to see you at the 4.45pm rehearsal for the 6.30pm service! If you are joining us for the first time, there will be a great deal of well known and loved Advent and Christmas Carols and music. England are not playing in the World Cup final so come along and be part of a winning team! *Colin Hicks*

Christmas cakes for the food bank: The Friends have again facilitated the purchase of 70 small Christmas cakes for the Food Bank's Christmas hampers to go to deprived families. The cost is £5 each. The Friends will pay for these but if you would like to contribute you would be more than welcome. Please do contact Graham Barber, Jim Jack or Peter Trewby.

Traidcraft: Orders from the Traidcraft Autumn Gift Guide can be placed with Rachel Walker or Judith Barber. Sales of the cards support charities which include: **Christian Aid**...

...and may we encourage you to help us raise funds for **Christian Aid** with our Christmas Card scheme during December? There will be an area on the cupboard doors at the back of church where you are invited to attach a Christmas card addressed to all your friends at St Mary's, rather than sending individual cards, and donations can be given to Martin Clarke, Sarah Scrafton, Jan Beeton, Judith Barber or a Churchwarden.

There is also the Christian Aid Charity Gift scheme, for anyone who would like to donate in that way. Thank you. *St Mary's Christian Aid Group*

Advent Celebration with Fourum: thank you to all those who came to the Advent celebration last Sunday evening. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we pass on our thanks to Rod Hall and all those who took part.

Christmas Coffee Morning in the Town Hall: thank you to all who came to the Coffee Morning in the Town Hall yesterday. It was a splendid occasion and we thank all those who were involved in the organisation of the event which was a lovely way to take our church into the community and share the Christmas message with the town.

Revd. Martin's installation as Canon, Ripon Cathedral: The installation of our own Revd. Martin as an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral will take place on **Sunday 29th January at 3pm**. We look forward to supporting Revd. Martin with representation from St. Mary's. Anna Warren has kindly agreed to provide a minibus with 14 places for anyone who would like to attend, on a first come, first served basis. To reserve a place at the service please contact Colin Hicks.

For your diary

Christians Together in Richmond will be hosting an **Agape Meal**, to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will be on Wed 25th January, 7pm at the Roman Catholic church hall. More details early in the New Year.