

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

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[www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk](http://www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk)

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[www.facebook.com/StMarysRHDM/](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysRHDM/)

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



## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 (Advent 4) and Christmas Week**

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

You are welcome to attend services in person or online.

The church is open daily for private prayer, 9am–dusk.

Morning Prayer will resume after Christmas Day at 8:30am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent)

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-end

Hymns: CP 32, 24, 58, 414, 31

**6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**6.00pm Advent Course 'Into the heart of Advent' with Revd. Lorna**

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

**9.15am Holy Communion**

**4.00pm Crib Service**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

Carols: CP 63, 76, 56, 55, 61

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Carols: CP 57, 76, 63, 67, 61

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas)

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:10 to end, Matthew 2:13-18

Hymns: CP 57, 68 487, 191, 67

To support the work of our church please make a donation as you enter or leave (cash or card), or click: [Richmond with Hudswell PCC | Give A Little](#)

To join our **Planned Giving Scheme** please visit:

[St Marys Church Richmond > Giving > Giving](#)

For details of the **Parish Giving Scheme** please see:



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need** of prayer:

Ben, Bill, Dave, Dennis, Richard, Tess, Julie Jones, Joyce Marshall,  
Graham Pearson

those in need of **ongoing prayer**:

Christine, Edna, Graham, Nicola, Cora & Jacob, Ralph,  
Elizabeth Bassindale, Jackie Dyer, John Earnshaw, George Metcalfe,  
Philip Welch, Pamela Wheatley, Anne Whyman

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

David Wood, Len Hutchinson, Stella Birch

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

20<sup>th</sup> John Blenkiron (snr) 29<sup>th</sup> Lewis Harrison

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

## **Collect of the Day**

### **Advent 4**

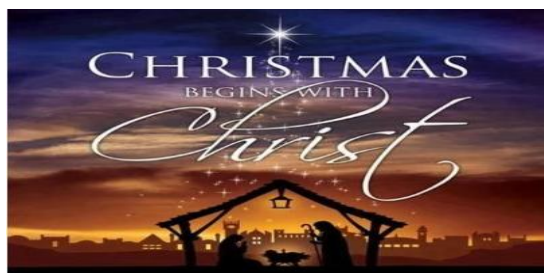
Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Christmas Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

## **St Mary's Prayer Circle for Confidential Prayer Requests**

Our email-based anonymous Prayer Circle are ready to respond to specific requests made in confidence. Please contact Anna [boycead11@gmail.com](mailto:boycead11@gmail.com)



## **The December Charity of the Month is Women's Refuge Darlington**



This charity supports women and children who experience all forms of violence and abuse, 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](http://www.familyhelp.org.uk)

## **Nine Lessons and Carols. Tonight, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 6:30pm**

The service of 9 Lessons and Carols will take place tonight at 6.30pm here at St. Mary's. Come and join us for this service of readings and music celebrating the wonder of the Christmas story.

## **A Peal of Bells for Christmas**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December we will be welcoming visiting ringers from the York area who will be ringing a peal on our lovely bells from 2pm onwards. Hopefully they will help keep everyone in the festive spirit!

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Christians Together 'Agape Meal'**

Please put Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in your diary! This year, it will be our turn to host, and the Catholic Church have kindly offered us the use of their Hall. All are welcome as the churches of Richmond gather for fellowship and to 'break bread' together.

## **Thank you**

A sincere thank you to Martin, Lorna and all of our 'retired' clergy team for everything they have done for us both spiritually and practically during 2025. It is much appreciated by all of us in the congregation and the wider community of Richmond.

## **Thank you**

A sincere thank you *from* Martin, Lorna and the Ministry Team for your love and support.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and every blessing in 2026.