**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

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www.facebook.com/StMarysRHDM/

# The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with Hudswell



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

#### 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** Monday to Friday at 8.30am

**Sunday 7th December** (2nd Sunday in Advent)

8.00amHoly Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10, Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

Hymns: CP24, 35, 33, 31 **4.00pm** Christingle Service

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**4.00pm** Song Squad Youth Choir weekly rehearsal

(Please contact Chris Denton 07817 386070 for details)

Tuesday 9th December

2.00pm Mothers' Union Advent Service

7.00pm Blenkiron & Sons Memorial Carol Service

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 11th December

9.30-11.00am 'Little Angels' at the Methodist Church10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent)

8.00amHoly Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

Hymns: CP34, 38, 457, Like a Candle Flame, 605

6.30pm 'The Advent Sequence' music and readings for Advent

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:

Peter Nicholls, David Wood

and of those whose anniversary falls during this period

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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:boyceadl11@gmail.com">boyceadl11@gmail.com</a>

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

#### Weekly Prayer Meeting: Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9:00pm

All are welcome. We start with a short relaxed bible study then move into a time of prayer. For details please contact Anna boyceadl11@gmail.com





#### The December Charity of the Month is Womens' 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

#### Advent Course: "Into the Heart of Advent"

All are welcome to join us on Mondays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm in the Green Howards Chapel. The 1-hour sessions are based on the book "Into the Heart of Advent" by Penelope Wilcock (it is not necessary to buy the book, or to have attended previous sessions). *Revd Lorna* 

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, 25**<sup>th</sup> **Nov – 10**<sup>th</sup> **Dec** Organisations affiliated to the United Nations, including the Mothers Union are raising awareness of the 1 in 3 women who are affected. MU fight tirelessly against domestic abuse and gender-based violence. Please pray with us: <a href="https://www.mothersunion.org/campaign/16-days-of-activism/">https://www.mothersunion.org/campaign/16-days-of-activism/</a>

Mother's Union Annual Advent Eucharist, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm A warm welcome is extended to all for this service. It will be followed by refreshments. *Susan Scrafton*.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm 'The Advent Sequence' A time of music readings and meditation on the season of Advent and expectation This gentle reflective service guides us through the season of Advent in words, music and prayer. Join us in this oasis of calm as we look toward Christmas.

#### Flower Guild, Wednesday 17th December

The Flower Guild will meet in church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am to decorate the Church for Christmas. Please bring holly, fir branches etc if you have any in your gardens. Thank you.

Or please join us for seasonal refreshments – all are welcome! Libby Sands

**St Mary's Town Hall Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 20**<sup>th</sup> **December** Help make this a bumper year! Donations for Tombola, Raffle & Cakes on the day would be most appreciated. These can be brought to Church or dropped off at 14 Pilmoor Close. Thank you *Susan Scrafton 824106* 

#### 9 Lessons and Carols, Sunday 21st December

If you would like to sing with the choir at this service, please speak to Colin.