

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 17th December 2023

3rd Sunday of 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** each Monday-Friday at 8:30am.

Sunday 17th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **Parish Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thess. 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Tuesday 19th December

7.00pm **Christmas Concert by British Army Band Catterick**

Wednesday 20th December

9.15am Holy Communion

7.00pm Annual Guilds Carol Service (all welcome)

Thursday 21st December

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

9.00-11.00am Little Angels Toddlers' Group in the Methodist Church Hall

Friday 22nd December

9.30am Trinity Academy Christmas Service

Sunday 24th December (4th Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve)

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

4.00pm **The Crib Service**

11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **Christmas Communion**

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.

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.

Prayer Meetings All are welcome to join us online for the prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings, 8pm to 9pm. It is informal and supportive and you don't have to pray out loud. Please contact Anna on 07753 884572

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

Christmas Cards

A variety of designs with views of Richmond, including St. Marys. 5 for £3 or 10 for £5. All proceeds to church funds.

Christian Aid Appeal

As has become our custom at St Mary's, we will have a space at the back of church (beside the Trinity Academy Christmas Card competition) 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.

Church Decoration for Christmas.

Thank you to all those who took part in the decoration of the church last week. Your time and commitment was much appreciated and it looks splendid! *Judith Clarke*

Nine Lessons and Carols, Tonight, Sunday 17th December 6.30pm

The traditional service of 9 lessons and Carols will be held tonight at 6.30pm and as usual there is an open invitation to members of all singing groups within the church, those who return to sing at Christmas and anyone else who would like to take part. It is not too late to join us for this festival of readings and carols. *Colin Hicks*

British Army Band Catterick Concert, 19th December 7pm

The ever popular British Army Band make a welcome return to St Mary's with a concert of Christmas music at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19th December. Free admission.

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

Looking ahead to the Christmas week:

Wednesday 27th December There will be no 9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's

Thursday 28th December There will be no Communion Service at Holy Trinity

Sunday 31st December 8.00am Holy Communion

1st Sunday of Christmas 10.00am Parish Communion