

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 10th December 2023 **2nd 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 10th December (2nd Sunday in Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **Parish Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a, Mark 1: 1-8

Hymns Hymns Old and New: 98 / 401 / 219 / 434 / 164

6.30pm **The Advent Sequence**

(Readings and music for the Advent season)

Monday 11th December

4.00-5.00pm Song Squad Youth Choir weekly rehearsal
(please contact Chris Denton 07817 386070 for details)

Wednesday 13th December

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th December

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

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

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**

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.

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

The Advent Sequence Tonight, Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm

'The Advent Sequence' is a gentle meditative service consisting of readings, musical interludes and gentle choral items which gives time to reflect on the season of Advent and is a lovely prelude as we anticipate the forthcoming season. The rehearsal for this will be from 4.30pm to 6pm, and singers of all groups are warmly invited to come and sing. If you would like to take part in this service as a singer, please let me know so that I can prepare the music for you. *Colin Hicks*

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, 25 Nov–10 Dec

See the November issue of *Connections* for further information.

Almighty God, we pray for all victims of abuse. We ask you to surround them with your care and protect them by your loving might and permit them to enjoy health and healing, wholeness and strength, calmness and peace and love. Most of all, we pray that they feel your presence and be confident in you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

Decorating the Church for Christmas, Wednesday 13th December 10am

Sadly, we were prevented from our decorating last week but this week will be fine. Several people will be in church to decorate but we are always glad of more people coming to help at this very busy time. Special skills are not required, just some secateurs or scissors. To encourage you, coffee and cake will be available and we'll try for some music. We do hope you can find time to help. *Judith Clarke*

Mothers Union Advent Service 14th December

The Mothers Union Advent service will be held on Thursday 14th December at 2pm in the Town Hall, All are welcome.

Coffee Morning, Saturday 16th December in the Town Hall, from 9am

All are welcome, music throughout the morning provided by Song Squad.

Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday 17th December 6.30pm

The traditional service of 9 lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday 17th Dec 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. Please let me know if you would like to sing with us on this occasion. *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.