

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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# **The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with St Michael & All Angels, Hudswell**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Advent Sunday**



## **All Are Welcome at St. Mary's Church**

You are welcome to attend services in person, online or by dialling in. Please see the website for details of the precautions we are taking to keep St Mary's a Covid-safe environment for all, and of how to access services online. The church is open daily for private prayer, 9am–dusk.

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** (Advent Sunday)

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Parish Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3:9-13, Luke 2: 25-36

**4.00pm** Christingle

## **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**1.00pm** Funeral of Anita Ann Sobota

## **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**9.15am** Holy Communion

## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**10.30am** Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December** (Advent 2)

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Parish Communion

Readings: Baruch 5, Philippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**St. Mary's Family Christmas Tree** This year we would like for all of the church family to appear on our Christmas tree. Please see Jeanette after services if you did not appear on Martin & Anna's wedding photo/jigsaw. Or you can send a photo to jeanettesunderland@outlook.com 07812 109243 If you prefer for your photo not to appear on the tree please let Jeanette know.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need of prayer**

Don Hornsby, Amber Squires, Peter Mayne, Cecilia

those in need of **ongoing prayer**

Jean Coulthard, Margaret Emmerson, Olive Harrison,  
Graham Merlane, Doreen Sayers, Valerie Strawbridge  
Katrina Templeton, Josh Winch, Hilary, Molly  
and the patients and staff at the Friary Hospital

those we mourn as **we give thanks** for the lives of

Joy Hornsby, Carole Ward, Pat Mayne, Anita Ann Sobota

and those whose **anniversary** falls at this time:

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| 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov | John Horseman, Alan Gilbert |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec  | Shirley Bagley              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | John Twyman                 |

**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. There is no fee for this.

**On Sundays at 5pm** all are warmly welcome to the Prayer Meeting which meets each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, on Zoom. Please contact Anna on 07753 884572 for more details.

**December Charity of the Month: Darlington Women's Refuge** which supports women and children who experience all forms of 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](http://www.familyhelp.org.uk)

**Charity of the Month** We really appreciate the commitment of the congregation to supporting our charities during the year and are hoping we can have some suggestions about which 'home' charities you would like to be considered for next year. There is now a sheet at the back of church for suggestions, so do please add any charities you particularly value and whose work is mainly in the UK. Thank you.

The **Mothers Union** will meet in the Town Hall at **2pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** for a service of rededication and to make new members, followed by tea and cake. ALL are welcome.

**A morning of creative reflection.** Cancel whatever plans you may have for **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021!** Instead, Start Advent with a creative spark. Join Fiona Brown for a morning of Creative Reflection here at St. Mary's Church, 9:45am until 12 noon. Allow Fiona to guide you through an exploration of the theme 'Longing for Light'. All are Welcome. Want to know more about this amazing opportunity?

Email: [fionareflection@btinternet.com](mailto:fionareflection@btinternet.com)

This is a free event, however donations would be gratefully received.

**Christmas Coffee Morning** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at the Town Hall. Donations gratefully received for Tombola and Raffle can be brought to Church. Cakes, jams, jellies and chutneys on the day please. Our choir will be singing carols, please bring friends and family. Offers of help serving coffee and washing up will be much appreciated. Any queries please ring Susan Scrafton 07530 392935 / 01748 824106

### **Gathering winter fuel – and “sharing” it**

Because of falling church income owing to Covid, St Mary's is at present unable pay its Parish share in full. The Parish Share pays for our clergy, their accommodation and also supports less well-off churches, along with the Diocesan ministry. Many of us receive £1-200 in Government Winter Fuel Allowance. Some of us do really need it, but not all of us. In the past many have very generously given their winter fuel allowance to charities including St Mary's. Would you be prepared to consider this? Without payment of the Parish Share, churches will close and clergy will not be replaced. If you would be prepared to donate, please see details on the St Mary's website or contact the clergy or churchwardens.