

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 St Michael & All Angels, Hudswell

Sunday 5th December 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. 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 5th December (2nd Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
Readings: Baruch 5, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

Wednesday 8th December

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th December

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

Sunday 12th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18
6.30pm *God Bless Us, Every One*, a seasonal compilation from 'Jacob Marley's Christmas Band' (featuring Fourum)

Sunday 19th December 6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 4pm & 5:30pm - Crib Services; 11:30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8am - Holy Communion; 10am - Christmas Communion

PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need of prayer**

Don Hornsby, Amber Squires, Cecilia

those in need of **ongoing prayer**

Jean Coulthard, Margaret Emmerson, Olive Harrison,
Peter Mayne, 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:

Anita Sobota, Jean Green

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th 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

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.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 18th 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

Parish Share Update...

Last year, St Mary's was able to pay just 70% of its Parish Share. The Parish Share funds our clergy, their accommodation, and support for less well-off churches in our Diocese. Another shortfall will lead to cuts across the Diocese next year.

Towards the end of November we were on course to improving on last year's position, reaching 69% of our Share request of £95,497. This was improved further to 77% through the PCC taking the exceptional step of reducing our reserves by £8,000 (see the 'Money Matters' article in this month's Parish Magazine for further details).

This still leaves a target of £21,500 to find by the end of this month.

Please could you help?

One possibility is to consider the Government Winter Fuel Allowance of £100-£200. In the past, many have very generously given some or all of their Winter Fuel Allowance to charities, including St Mary's. Would you be prepared to consider this? Or, if you do not receive a Fuel Allowance, would you consider making an equivalent one-off donation?

Please see the 'Giving' page on the Website, or contact a member of the PCC. Thank you.

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 and 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 do let Jeanette know.

Refreshments after Sunday 10.00am Service

Obviously depending upon the Covid rules at the time, we are hoping to re-introduce refreshments following the service for those who would feel comfortable with staying on, starting on January 2nd.

Help would be required with serving and washing up. If you are happy to volunteer please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or have a word with Anne Clarke.