

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 19th December 4th 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 19th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Worship for All

Readings: Luke 1: 39-45

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

Wednesday 22nd December

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd December

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

4pm and 5.30pm Crib Services

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10, Hebrews 1: 1-4, John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Christmas Communion

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7, Titus 2: 11-14, Luke 2: 1-14

Sunday 26th December (1st Sunday of Christmas)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **Deanery Communion**

Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20 & 26, Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 2: 41-end

Details of services up to Sunday January 2nd are on next page →

Wednesday 29th December

9.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 30th December

10.30am No Service

Sunday 2nd January (Epiphany)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6, Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2: 1-12

PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need of prayer**

Don Hornsby, Amber Squires, Cecilia, Debbie

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 life of

Jean Green, Nancy Scott, Vera Bramham, Keith Gee, Alice Gardner

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time

29th Lewis Harrison

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 Sunday, 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, FGM, forced marriage, so-called 'honour'-based violence, human trafficking and modern slavery. They tailor their support to 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

Christian Aid at Christmas As in previous years, people are invited to display one card at the back of church in lieu of sending individual cards to friends in the congregation. Any money saved can be donated to Christian Aid using our church's unique Giving page ref <https://rb.gy/61rlku> or by handing a cash donation to Martin Clarke, Sarah Scrafton, Judith Barber, or a Churchwarden. Blu Tack for your card and envelopes for cash donations are available.

Christmas Cakes. The Friends of St Marys will be donating 50 small Christmas cakes to the Food Bank again this year at a cost of around £300. If you would like to contribute, please let a member of the Committee know.

Refreshments after Sunday 10.00am Service

The Omicron Variant has deferred our hopes to re-introduce in January refreshments following the service. However, we would still like to create a rota ready for when the signal to restart can be given. Help would be required with serving and/or washing up. Teams of three would be ideal; and if we could form half a dozen or more teams that would be grand. If you are happy to volunteer please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or contact Anne Clarke on 07982 658991.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Agape Meal

As usual Christians in Richmond will join together for an **Agape Meal**. This will be on Thursday 20th January at 7pm, at Richmond Methodist Church, and all are welcome.

This year, it is our turn at St Mary's to organise it. If you would be interested in helping to coordinate a simple meal or a Quiz afterwards please speak to Martin or Paul.

Parish Share Update

Last year, St Mary's was able to pay just 70% of its Parish Share – which funds our clergy, their accommodation, and support for less well-off churches in our Diocese. Another shortfall this year 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).

We still have £21,500 to find by the end of this month. Please could you help?

In the past, many have very generously given some or all of their Government Winter Fuel Allowance of £100-£200. to charities, including St Mary's. Would you 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.