

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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023** **Advent Sunday**

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> December** (Advent Sunday)

**8.00am** Holy Communion  
**10.00am** **Parish Communion**  
Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-end  
**12.00** **Baptism Service**  
**4.00pm** **Christingle Service**

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.00-5.00pm** Song Squad Youth Choir weekly rehearsal – for further details please contact Chris Denton 07817 386070

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.15am** Holy Communion

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am** Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel  
**9.00-11.00am** Little Angels Toddlers' Group in the Methodist Church Hall

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent)

**8.00am** Holy Communion  
**9.45am** **Parish Communion**  
Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24 to end  
**6.30pm** **The Advent Sequence**  
**(Readings and music for the Advent season)**

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:

David Waldie

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](http://www.uspg.org)

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

See the November issue of *Connections* for further information

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours. *St Teresa of Avila*

### **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.

### **Curry Night Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at the Town Hall**

What a Saturday night! 90 plus people thoroughly enjoyed the second curry night, held on this occasion in The Town Hall. The three course meal was amazingly supported by the Yorkshire version of Ronnie Scotts and of course Skeeby's Bar, raising the incredible total of £562.00 profit. Many thanks to everyone that helped on the night. *John Challis & Andy Lovell*

### **Christmas at Marrick 7pm tonight Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Once more the Marske Choir will entertain us and of course there will be the usual delicious supper, tickets £12. A bus will leave Nun's Close car park at 6.15pm, tickets £7. Upon arrival you will be warmed by mulled wine, or mulled apple juice. We do hope you will feel able to support us. Tickets from *Cathy Trewby or Judith Clarke 826793*.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10am**

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*.

### **The Advent Sequence Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **The service of 9 Lessons and Carols Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm**

The traditional service of 9 lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

***Exploring Faith to return*** (at the Rokeby Inn, DL11 7QW, 10am-12:00) 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Very Revd Prof Martyn Percy, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 'Alice in Ecclesialand: What Churches do in Principle and Practice.'

2<sup>nd</sup> March, the Rt Revd Dr David Stancliffe, former Bishop of Salisbury. Further details to follow.