

# THE FLAME

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Working days: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

## Advent Sunday

## 1st December 2019

### THIS MORNING'S READINGS

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING - *Isaiah 2.1 - 5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING - *Romans 13.11 - end*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL - *Matthew 24.36 - 44*

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### WELCOME

WELCOME to the Parish of Baildon. You will find an accessible toilet in each of our three churches/halls and hearing loops are fitted.



### TODAY'S SERVICES

**ST HUGH'S CHURCH** at 9.00am

Hymns: CP 32, Sheet 1, CP 26, CP 37

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH** at 10.00am

CP 32, Sheet 1, CP 39, Sheet 2 and 3, CP 31

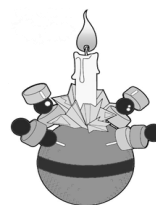
**ST JAMES' CHURCH** at 10.30am

Hymns: CP 32, Sheet 1, CP 26, Sheet 2, CP 31



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### Christingle Service



St John's Church  
**TODAY at 4.30pm**

and launch  
of our  
Travelling Cribs



### Messy Church

St John's Church Hall  
**15th December at 4.00pm**

## NOTICES

**CHILDREN IN CHURCH:** During this Christmas season we will be welcoming lots of lots of very excited children into our churches. This is a delight to see as their presence and energy bring so much to our Christian family. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is continuing to grow and offer a welcome to everyone, no matter how young or not so young, in the name of Jesus. Please continue to welcome our children, give a smile of encouragement to the children and their parents, and do go and have a chat with them and find about how they are doing.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** St Hugh's Centre are hosting a Christmas Concert on Tuesday 3rd December at 8.00pm to include the fabulous Anchor Swing Band. For a fun evening with great music and seasonal refreshments contact Pam Ruppe on 07419 745910. Tickets are £3 and will also be available on the door.

### **BAILDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

**SCHOOL:** If you are wanting your child to attend Baildon Church of

England School in September 2020 there is still an opportunity to visit the Nursery and Reception 2020 Intake Open Day on 5th December at 1.45pm. Please contact the office on [office@baildonce.co.uk](mailto:office@baildonce.co.uk) if you wish to book a place. Canon Sandra will be happy to look at, and sign, the supplementary form with you during Vestry Hour from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Vestry Hour is any time between 6-7pm. The form stipulates that you and /or your children, have attended worship regularly, which is at least twice a month. Any queries regarding this please see Canon Sandra during Vestry Hour.

**CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP:** For an Alternative Advent Come long and share in crafting characters for a nativity scene and make items to take away, over reflection, conversation and refreshments. Our focus will be the hope and expectation of Advent in today's world, in preparation for Christmas. Everyone is most welcome at St James' church, Kirkland's Lane, on Sunday the 8th and 15th December at 6pm

**HOUSE GROUP:** A new house group is running monthly at the home of Margaret Evans, 16 Bilsdale Way, Baildon on Mondays 2.00pm to 3.30pm. The next meeting is on 9th December then the 13th January and then each second Monday of the month. The group is studying Tom Wright's book Timothy and Titus. These are available to group members. Margaret requests that cars are parked on the road (not the drive as it is steep). If you are happy to make a donation towards the book please pay Judith £4 at your first session, its not late join!

**#FOLLOW THE STAR:** 12 Days of Christmas Wonder Advent is a time when we prepare for Christmas, a season with 12 days which begins on 25 December. This booklet may be one way of helping to live the days of Christmas. It offers a resource to use in a few minutes quiet each day, following the light of the Christmas star, a sign of God's hope and promises that lead us even closer to the joy and peace of Jesus Christ among us. Copies available now. Donations welcome.

**CAROL SINGING:** We are carol singing in support of homeless people at the Co-Op on in Baildon on Saturday 14th and Saturday 21st December from 10.00am to raise funds for our December Charity. All welcome to join in!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD:** As in previous years we hope to give congregations the opportunity to send their Christmas wishes to all the friends in Church by writing their wishes and then donating the money they would have spent on Christmas cards to charity. In previous years we have done this by the big Christmas card, this year we want to try and something different but we need your help. Have you got any spare artificial green Christmas trees that you could give to the Church (we need three in total – one for each Church). From the 8th December these will be out in the church and you are invited to send your Christmas wishes to the congregations by writing on a label and placing it on the tree. We hope that the tree will be covered with baubles and stars sharing Christmas wishes. You are then invited to make a donate the money you would have spent on cards to the homeless as our December charity.

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

### **THIS SUNDAY: *Advent Sunday***

- 9.00am **Holy Communion** at St Hugh's Church
- 9.30am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** at St James' Church
- 11am - 3.30pm **Christmas Market** at St John's Church Hall
- 4.30pm **Christingle Service** at St John's Church
- 6.00pm **Advent Craft through Worship** at St James' Church

### **MONDAY:**

- 7.30pm **PCC Committee Meeting** at St James' Church

### **TUESDAY:**

- 9.30am **The Eucharist** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Prayer Group** at St Hugh's Church
- 6.00pm **Vestry Hour** (arrangement of banns, baptisms etc) at St John's Church Hall

### **WEDNESDAY:**

- 10.00am **The Eucharist** at James' Church
- 7.30pm **Julian Meeting** at St John's Church

### **NEXT SUNDAY: *2nd of Advent***

- 8.30am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 9.00am **Holy Communion** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** at St James' Church
- 2.00pm **Baptism** at St James' Church
- 6.00pm **Advent Craft through Worship** at St James' Church

**CHARITY OF THE MONTH:** December's Charity – homeless people: 'Shelter', 'Centrepoint' and 'Crisis'. **Shelter** helps people struggling with bad housing or homelessness – through Advice, Support and Legal Services; **Centrepoint** – the shocking truth is that this Christmas, 22,000 young people in England will face homelessness. Wherever they end up, they are all at risk of robbery, abuse, attack and exploitation. How can this be right? **Crisis** at Christmas – being homeless at Christmas can be a nightmare: sleeping on someone's floor, under a railway arch, in a shed. One in four will spend Christmas alone. Crisis runs Centres which give homeless people a Christmas dinner and friendship, and an opportunity to have a long hot shower and fresh warm clothes.

**NEW CHAIRS:** The new chairs have arrived! We have 15 new chairs at St John's for the space in front of the organ. Would anyone like to sponsor a chair? If you are able to Gift Aid your contribution, £100 would provide a chair, or £25 a leg! Why not join together as a group to sponsor one between you? Please give any donations to Richard Nicholas.

**TRAIDCRAFT TRADE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN:** Traidcraft is concerned that the British government wants to include a controversial court system called ISDS in trade deals after Brexit, giving away powers to big business to sue poor countries for millions for lost profits. For example, in Argentina the government froze water prices in a financial crisis to make sure it stayed affordable for the poorest communities. In response water companies including Anglian Water used the ISDS system to sue the government for 'lost profits'. Instead of ruling that people's human right to water should come ahead of company profits, the tribunal ordered Argentina to pay out £251 million. Traidcraft considers this system to be deeply unfair and undemocratic and to risk undermining efforts to tackle vital issues such as climate change, social injustice and poverty. If you wish to join Traidcraft's campaign please fill in the card you have been given and leave it in the box at the back of church; no need for a stamp, we will send them off together. For further information visit <https://traidcraftexchange.org/red-carpet-courts>

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH THE FINANCIAL RUNNING OF THE PARISH?:** As our Parish Treasurer, Richard Nicholas, is retiring in 2020 after dedicating many years to the role, we are looking to spread the load of this very important job. Here is a flavour of the work which needs to be done, which could be done by different people - could YOU help?

**Weekly Sheets:** Collect cash and cheques from St James' and St John's, itemise, pay into the bank (Barclays), and submit report. 1-2 hours per week.

**Salaries:** Organise the payment of some of the Parish salaries. 3-4 hours per month.

**Gift Aid:** Keying in the names and addresses for gift aid donations to claim Gift Aid for the Parish. 4-5 hours per month.

**Wedding & Funeral Invoices:** Set process to be followed for invoicing of weddings and funerals, and following up for payment before the service takes place. Timing is ad hoc but needs action quickly on booking.

**Bank Reconciliation, Managing the Books, Month End & Year End:** This role needs someone with accountancy or book-keeping experience, and would need some coordination with those performing any of the other roles in this list. 8-10 hours per week, and more at month & year end.

If you are interested in helping please speak to Richard, Sandra or Ruth.

**PEW SHEET:** Please could all future notices for the pew sheet be sent directly to Sonia at [office@parishofbaildon.uk](mailto:office@parishofbaildon.uk). It would really help to receive the notice as you would like it to appear.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Everyone is welcome and we hope that we might see you at one of our Services

### Sunday 23rd December

6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service St John's

### Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service St John's

4.00pm Crib Service St James'

11.30pm Midnight Communion

### Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30am Christmas Communion St John's

8.45am Christmas Communion St Hugh's

10.00am Christmas Communion St John's

10.30am Christmas Communion St James'

