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Services next week in the Parish—10th December

10.00 am St John's - Holy Communion

10.30am St James' - Service of the Word

4.00pm - St John's - Messy Church

6.00pm - St James's - Craft through Worship

Welcome and notices

Hymn

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign**

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

In the name of the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light dawning where there has been darkness.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Romans 13:12

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed

We say together in faith

All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the father, who created all things:

All for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

All for with his blood he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!' Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

To the word 'Maratha' would you please respond 'Come Lord Jesus'.
At end of the prayers we say together

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God. Amen

May God in mercy and truth forgive you and set you free. Take hold of this forgiveness and be at peace.

All Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we will light a candle to remember the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ancestors of our faith.

Bible reading

The first candle is lit

Let us pray

All Lord Jesus we give thanks for our Father Abraham who by faith obeyed your call and became the father of many nations. Give us faith to listen to your voice that our hearts may be filled with the hope of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Hymn

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Preparation of the Table

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our
daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for
ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread,

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on
us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

After the anthem do join in with the Taize chant

Stay with me.

Remain here with me.

Watch and pray.

Watch and pray.

Prayer after Communion

Post communion prayer is said

All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face; who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.

Hymn

**Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

**Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.**

**When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
forevermore.**

Blessing

With love and compassion,

All come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,

All come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,

All come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,

All come, Lord Jesus.

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING - do come along to this festive evening of Christmas choral music with carols for all to sing, on Saturday 9 December at 7.30pm at St John's Church. We look forward to welcoming the St Peter's Singers of Leeds with their director Alexander Woodrow. Tickets are £10 from the website <https://stpeterssingers.org.uk/event/to-hear-the-angels-sing>- or pick up a flyer at church for the QR code. Refreshments will be served.

AN ADVENT COURSE - we are going to offer times for reflection and conversation as we seek to deepen our spiritual life in preparation for Christmas. We will be using reflections in the book 'At Home in Advent' by Gordon Giles meeting at St John's Church Hall on Tuesdays 5th and 12th December. A simple soup lunch will be offered at 12 noon, starting our reflections at 1.15pm. If you are thinking about coming there is a sign up sheet at the back of church today. If you need help getting hold of a book, please get in touch with Ruth. Everyone is most welcome.

'STICK WITH LOVE: Rejoicing in every tongue, every tribe, every nation.' Bishop Arun Arora, Bishop for the Leeds area of our Diocese is the author of this new book. May be you aren't available to meet up in the afternoon for conversation. I will be at The Halfway House on the Otley Road, 20.00 - 21.00 on Tuesdays 5, 12 and 19 December if you would like to meet up for a drink and a chat about this book. Ruth

MESSY CHURCH - will take place on Sunday 10th December at 4pm in St John's Church Hall. All families are welcome.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP - We are now on our final words on our theme of '...ing' words. They focus on some of our reflection and preparations we make over the winter. We will be gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 10th December at 6pm for a time to craft and share in seasonal refreshments. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but

enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Everyone is welcome to join us in the wonderful and peaceful setting of St James's Church, Kirklands, every Wednesday 10.00am -12 noon.

JULIAN MEETING – The next meeting of the Julian Group will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2.00 – 3.45pm at 48 Hoyle Court Road, Baildon BD17 6JP. Please note the change of date and venue. These meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayer can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. Everyone is welcome.

DOROTHY DENTON – It was with sorrow that we learnt of Dorothy's death. Dorothy was a longstanding member of the parish community and her funeral will take place at St James' Church on Wednesday 20th December at 2.00pm. Our prayers are with Paul and David, other members of the family and friends.

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION - the next service will take place at St James' Church on 6th December. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Events and Services

Sunday 10th December

4.00pm - Messy Church for Christmas at St John's Church

Sunday 17th December

6.00pm - Candlelit Carol Service at St John's Church

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

10.00am - Joint Parish Communion Service at St James's Church

4.00pm - Crib Service at St John's Church

11.30pm - Midnight Communion at St John's Church

Sunday 25th December

8.30am - Christmas Communion at St John's Church

9.30am - Christmas Communion at St Hugh's Church

10.00am - Christmas Communion at St John's Church