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### **Services next week in the Parish - 8th December**

10.00 am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Service of the Word at St James'

6.00pm Craft through Worship Social at St James'

### **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 the glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:**

**Alleluia!**

**Thou shalt reign and thou alone.**

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, and 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.**

### **Collect**

#### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn**

**Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.**

**I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.**

**In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.**

## Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you , O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Among the poor, among the proud

**All among the persecuted, among the privileged,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

In the private house, in the public place,

**All in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall,  
Christ is coming to make all things new**

With a gentle touch, with an angry word,

**All with a clear conscience, with burning love,  
Christ is coming to make all things new**

That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,

**All that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Within us, without us, behind us, before us,

**All in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*At the end*

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 Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **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 has taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

Do join in with the Communion hymn

**I come with joy, a child of God  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.**

## **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**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel ....*

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel ....*

**O come, thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel ....*

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel ....*

## **The Dismissal**

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.**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

**REFRESHMENTS** - Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

**MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES** - is our charity of the month for November. MSF teams of doctors act fast to save people's lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics in over 70 countries of the world. In a conflict, MSF doctors don't take sides. They go where the medical need is greatest. They provide free medical care, regardless of a



person's ethnicity, religion or politics. MSF is mainly funded by donations from the public; rarely by governments. And so MSF is free to act fast to get to the front line in a crisis. MSF is currently working in many places including Gaza, Lebanon and Ukraine. You can make a donation towards the work of MSF by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference MEDSAN.

**ADVENT CONVERSATIONS** - During the season of preparation for Christmas which can be busy, it is good to set time aside to meet together to reflect on waiting for the birth of Jesus. This year we will be reading the book *'Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear'* by Rachel Mann. There is a short passage for each day, with a prayer and a few questions to ponder. We will meet as a group on Tuesdays 26 Nov, 3, 10, 17 Dec, 12 noon - 2.00pm over a simple lunch in the Lounge at St James. There will also be another chance to drop-in at the Halfway House on Tuesday evenings, 8.30—9.30pm. If you would like a copy of the book costing £10.99, please let Revd Ruth know by Monday 18 November. It also comes as an ebook. For those unable to come to the advent course in person there is an opportunity to join a WhatsApp discussion group. If you'd like to join please text Carolyn on 07848821075.

**JULIAN MEETING**- The November meeting of the Julian Group is cancelled. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th December at '48 Hoyle Court Road' 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** - We are really excited to tell you about a new event in our parish. The Christmas Tree Festival will take place at St John's for three weekends during Advent. The church will be full of trees and lights, entertainment and music from choirs and bands. Local groups, organisations and businesses will be decorating a tree themed around their activity. The church will be beautifully light with hundreds of twinkling lights. There will also be a Mouse Hunt for the children and Guess the Bear's name to win a very big brown bear, plus a festive café and the Parish Stall. Best of all, this very festive event is FREE! Programmes will be available for £3. The Festival runs on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December, Friday 6th to Sunday 8th and 13th to 15th December. Opening times are: Friday/ Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sundays 12 noon to 4pm. Tell your friends and neighbours!

**BELLOWS BAUBLES AND BELLS** – Bradford Accordion Band will be joining us on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Church for an afternoon of festive entertainment. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Loraine Radcliffe and in any of the churches after service. There will be a raffle, and refreshments will be available during the interval.

**CENTREPOINT** is our charity of the month for December. Thousands of young people will be facing homelessness alone this winter. Centrepoint is dedicated to ending youth homelessness. Once referred to Centrepoint, instead of worrying about what to eat or where to sleep, a young person can start to put their lives back together, safe in the knowledge that Centrepoint will be there for as long as they need them. You can make a donation towards the work of Centrepoint by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference CENTREPT.

**CAROL SINGING** - Would you like to come along and sing some carols at the Co-op on Saturday 14th December and Saturday 21st December from 10am to 2pm or for just ten minutes to raise money for Centrepoint.

**MIDDAY COMMUNION** at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 4th December. Everyone is welcome.



# Giving to the Parish

You can help to **make a difference** to support the work of our parish. We've made it easier for you to help, you can now donate in more ways to suit you:



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