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Second Sunday in Advent



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Services next week in the Parish—15th December

8.30am Holy Communion at St John's (traditional language)
9.30am Holy Communion at St Hugh's
10.00 am Holy Communion at St John's
4.00pm Messy Church

Hymn

**Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying,
'where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!
The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Alleluia!
Let us prepare to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.**

Every soul in thee rejoices;
from earth and from angelic voices
be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow
Alleluia!
Grant us to raise, to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

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

Reading - Philippians 1:3-11. At end of reading

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!**

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 Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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 words 'Lord hear us' would you please respond '**Lord graciously hear us**'. *At end of the prayers*

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

The voice of one comes
crying out in the wilderness
... prepare the way of the Lord.

A messenger prepares the way,
transforming us like the refiner's fire
... calling us to account.

For the prophets of old have spoken,
announcing the breaking open of the dawn
... guiding our feet in the way of peace.

**All Merciful God forgive us...
Forgive us when we are quick
to point the finger at someone else.
Forgive us when we put our heads down
and ignore the cries of injustice.
Forgive us when we presume to understand
the complexity of issues that divide and distract
the peoples of the land your feet once walked.**

(pause for silent reflection)

**All Merciful God...
forgive us, heal us, encourage us and speak through us,
that we may be transformed through the refiner's fire,
and the offerings of our hands and our hearts
may prepare the way for the Christ child
to be welcomed among us in peace.**

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

All Amen.

The children are welcomed from their worship and the notices are given.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Last Sunday we lit the first candle of hope in our Advent Wreath, and
celebrated the patriarchs. We light it again as we place our hope in Jesus
the blessing of God for all nations.

The first candle is lit again.

Bible reading

The second candle is lit

Let us pray

**All Lord God you spoke through your prophets and promised a
kingdom of peace. We welcome you Lord Jesus, the Prince of
Peace and our hearts long for the establishment of your
kingdom of justice and righteousness. 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

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Preparation of the Table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

All Amen.

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.**

The president and people receive communion. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen**

After the choir anthem you are invited to join in with the singing of the hymn

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for every passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
my highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make his will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.
for I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine
when I behold his face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied.
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.**

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 Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul!**

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend!**

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

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

REFLECTIONS FOR 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - If you would like to take a booklet which gives reflections for the 12 days from Christmas Day until Epiphany these are available at the back of church. These are also available using the QR code which can be found on the bookmark so you can access the reflections that way. We are delighted to say that we can offer these booklets without charge.

PARISH DAY - I wanted to let you know some exciting developments which will take forward the work done on the Parish Day. One of the areas for development was communication and we are wanting to form a Communications Working Party. This will look at the ways we communicate internally with each others and how we present ourselves to the wider community. We are now asking for volunteers to think and pray about whether this is something you might help us with. Have you got skills, experience or vision for this work? For more information please contact Canon Sandra.

Another development has been the introduction of the blue lanyards at St John's. These are worn by people on duty so if you need any help before, after or during the service please do go to some wearing a lanyard. They are there to help!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - The Festival is still open on Friday 6th to Sunday 8th and 13th to 15th December. Opening times are: Friday/ Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sundays 12 noon to 4pm. The church looks beautifully light with hundreds of twinkling lights. There is 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. Tell your friends and neighbours!

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.

BELLOWS BAUBLES AND BELLS – Bradford Accordion Band will be joining us on Saturday 14th 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 12noon or for just ten minutes to raise money for Centrepoint.

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER - This is a fifth Sunday of the month and there will be a joint Parish Holy Communion Service at St James's Church at 10am.

Christmas Events and Services

Sunday 15th December

4.00pm - Messy Church

Sunday 22nd December

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

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4.00pm - Crib Service at St John's Church

11.30pm - Midnight Communion at St John's Church

Wednesday 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

10.15am - Christmas Communion at St James's

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