

Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Sung Eucharist

The third Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to St Mary's



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If you'd like to give in some other way, find out more about planned giving, or learn how we use donations then please ask a member of our team.

Hearing loop available

Our church is fitted with an inductive loop system which can be picked up by setting hearing aids to the "T" position.



Follow the instructions of our stewards

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion.



Please sanitise your hands

Please clean your hands using the provided hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.

Digital order of service available

If you prefer, you can follow our order of service on your own phone or tablet. Just visit **wkrk.uk/oos** on your browser or scan this QR Code.



Communion is your choice

Communion is available as both bread and wine, but if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your seat. Receiving only the bread is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England.

iii Children welcome

We love having children at our services and we want them – and their families – to love being here. If your children need to move around or make noise during the service, please don't feel uncomfortable. We are glad to hear and see them: they are the future of the church!

Toys and activities are provided in our Family Corner just inside the main door and children are welcome to make use of these either in this area or in their pew. Please note that this area is not supervised; children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Safeguarding

Our Parish Safeguarding team can be contacted at any time. You can talk to Rev'd Claire or to Janet Blenkinsop, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, you can email **safeguarding@whitkirkchurch.org.uk**, or you can find more information and contact details at **wkrk.uk/safe**.

Upcoming services

Said Eucharist

Wednesday 29 January at 10.00 am

Sung Eucharist for Candlemas

Sunday 2 February at 10.00 am

Festal Evensong for Candlemas

Sunday 2 February at 6.00 pm

Notices and events

Where could God be calling you in 2025?

New year, new you? Is God calling you to deepen your faith or to serve in a new way in 2025?

We have received some information about the 2025 training programme for Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers). If you feel that God might be calling you to this sort of ministry, please do contact Claire and she can talk you through the process.

If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore confirmation, or if you (or your children) have not been baptised and would like to consider this, please do also contact Claire to explore your options.

Advance notice: Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

As part of a series of events to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we are planning a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. All details are still to be confirmed, but we would anticipate going in late May or early June and the cost would only be that of the coach hire (free entry; bring your own picnic or use the on-site cafe). In order to have an idea of numbers so that we can book the coach, please could you sign up to express an interest (no commitment at this stage) either in the church or in the Community Centre after the service today or in the next couple of weeks. More details will follow very soon.

Daily Prayer

Please feel free to leave prayer requests on the cards at the back of the church, and prayers will be offered daily at Morning and Evening Prayer. You don't need to leave a lot of detail - a name or intention is enough. God knows! Daily Prayer takes place every day except Sunday and Monday at 8.30am and 5.30pm. Please note, however, that there will be no Morning Prayer in church on Friday 24 January.

Treasure Hunt and Pizza Party

Today at 2.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Young people and the adults who look after them are invited to a Treasure Hunt and Pizza Party on Sunday 26 January between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm (come at any time, stay as long as you like). Complete the treasure hunt while exploring the church building and then come to the Community Centre for pizza. All free, and all welcome!

Sacred Space: new service

Thursday 30 January at 6.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Following the success of our 'Longest Night' service before Christmas, we are starting a new service, to be known as 'Sacred Space', which will run on the last Thursday of every month, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. It is a service without words: just quiet music and a chance to light a candle or leave a prayer and rest in this ancient and holy place. Visitors can drop in at any time and stay for as long as they like. Tired or stressed? Having a tough time? Just need space to stop, breathe and 'just be'? Why not give it a go?

Join us after the service for refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in our Community Centre after the service.

The Gathering

Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter, during which the introit hymn is sung.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run, his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: melody from Tomas Williams's 'Psalmodia Evangelica' (1789)

Hymn Tune: TRURO

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

Amen.

The Greeting

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

Words of Welcome

Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Silence is kept.

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles, the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if

the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak

in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

I Corinthians 12 12-31a

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright, how beautiful thy mercy seat, in depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years, O everlasting Lord, by prostrate spirits day and night incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee must be, thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!

O how I fear thee, living God, with deepest, tend'rest fears, and worship thee with trembling hope, and penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art, for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee, no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward, what rapture will it be, prostrate before thy throne to lie, and gaze and gaze on thee!

Words: Frank William Faber (1814-1863)

Music: James Turle (1802-1882)

Hymn Tune: WESTMINSTER

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

cf. 1 Timothy 3.16

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

lesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Luke 4.14-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand with the president.

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or sit to pray.

The response to the bidding:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

then at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand with the president.

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

2 Corinthians 5 17

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

A hymn is sung. During this hymn a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.

You can place cash or giving envelopes on the collection plates as they are passed around. If you would prefer, or if you miss the plate, you can also give by scanning this QR code, or by tapping your contactless card or device on the card reader by the door as you leave.



Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace, Son of Man, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, thou, our Head, who, throned in glory, for thine own dost ever plead, fill us with thy love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others, so may we for others live; freely have thy gifts been granted, freely may thy servants give.

Thine the gold and thine the silver, thine the wealth of land and sea, we but stewards of thy bounty, held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love, and Prince of peace, hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease; by thy patient years of toiling, by thy silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace, Son of Man, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, thou who prayedst, thou who willest that thy people should be one, grant, O grant our hope's fruition: here on earth thy will be done.

Words: Somerset Corry Thomas Lowry (1855-1932) Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879) Hymn Tune: EVERTON

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

Please kneel or sit.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through lesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism lesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory, until you come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Sung)

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.

If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive, then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.

The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').

For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Words (based on Scripture) & Music: Melody Green (b. 1946) arranged by Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

Firmly I believe and truly God is Three, and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully in that Manhood crucified; and each thought and deed unruly do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly light and life and strength belong, and I love supremely, solely, him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration, for the love of him alone, holy Church as his creation, and her teachings as his own. Adoration ay be given, with and through th'angelic host, to the God of earth and heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890) Music: Version of a melody by William Boyce (1711-1779) in Samuel Sebastian Wesley's 'European Psalmist' (1872) Hymn Tune: HALTON HOLGATE

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiancy of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A hymn is sung.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake! God's saving news to all the nations take; proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King, that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all; he will in grace respond to all who call: how shall they call if they have never heard the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! Where still the darkness lies; in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies: give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind, a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide: share God's good gifts - let no-one be denied; live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose, your ransomed pow'rs for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise, go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies; go till all nations his great name adore, and serve him, Lord and King, for evermore.

Words: James Edward Seddon (1915-1983)

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

Hymn Tune: WOODLANDS

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Our regular services

Sung Eucharist: Every Sunday at 10.00 am

Said Eucharist: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am

Choral Evensong: First Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm

Compline: First Wednesday of the month at 8.30 pm

Daily Prayers: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am and 5.30pm

Contact us

If you'd like to get in touch you can call us on **0113 264 5790**, send an email to **hello@whitkirkchurch.org.uk**, or find more details on our website at **whitkirkchurch.org.uk/contact**.

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