



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

Sung Eucharist

The third Sunday before Lent

Welcome to St Mary's

Support our work

St Mary's is a charity which receives no funding from the government and is entirely dependent on donations and fees to keep its doors open, continue its work in the community, and maintain its buildings and outdoor spaces.

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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.

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.



This service is streamed

We record and live-stream many of our services. If you'd prefer not to appear on camera, please let any member of our team know. You can find more information on streaming, privacy and your rights on our website at wkrk.uk/sp or by scanning 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.

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. 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 19 February at 10.00 am

Sung Eucharist for the second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 23 February at 10.00 am

Notices and events

Lent Talks: 'We believe...'

Lent begins on 5 March this year. Look out for information about our Ash Wednesday services and our Pancake Social coming soon! 2025 also marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, a meeting of Christian bishops, convened by the Emperor Constantine, which took place in the town of Nicaea (now Iznik in Turkey) between May and July 385 CE. Its aim was to obtain consensus about core Christian beliefs, and one of its products was a first version of the Nicene Creed, which we say almost every week in this church and which is said in Christian churches throughout the world. Our series of Lent talks this year will focus on aspects of the Creed, offering an opportunity to think more deeply about the words that we repeat each week, which encapsulate what it means to be a Christian.

All the talks will take place in church at 7pm and will be followed by Compline, which will end at about 8.15pm.

- 12 March - The Right Reverend Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall: We believe in the Holy Spirit
- 19 March - The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, former Dean of Southwark: For us and for our salvation
- 26 March - The Very Reverend Simon Cowling, Dean of Wakefield: Begotten not made

- 2 April - The Reverend Dr Janet Williams, Vice-Principal, St Hild College: He will come again in glory
- 9 April - The Reverend Dr Claire Honess, Vicar of Whitkirk: We believe in one [...] Church

All are welcome!

Confirmations

We are hoping to bring candidates to the diocesan confirmation service at Ripon Cathedral on 1 June. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Claire. There will be some preparation sessions beforehand; details to follow, depending on how many people are interested.

North-West corner refurbishment

As you may know, we are doing some essential work in the North-West corner of the church (the area where the tech desk currently sits) to replace plasterwork on the walls, to improve the tech desk, and to create an accessible area for pushchairs and wheelchairs. This work has now begun and the first phase will be completed before Easter. Our contractors will keep disturbance to services to a minimum; Wednesday morning and Sunday services will run as usual and we will be able to continue to hold funerals and other occasional services. Daily Prayer will also continue at 8.30 am and 5.30 pm Tuesday to Saturday. If you want to have a more detailed overview of the work planned do have a look at the relevant page on our website at wkrk.uk/nwc.

Junior Choir

We have loved meeting on a Tuesday with our Junior Choir, and it is a joy to have some of them here to sing with us today. We are having a break for the rest of February, but will be back for another set of five rehearsals on 11, 18, and 25 March and 1 and 8 April. The Junior Choir will then join us in church (and in procession!) to sing with us at our Palm Sunday service on 13 April. Please tell anyone you know with children in Years 3 to 6 about the Junior Choir. We'd love to have some more members when we meet again.

Pancake Party

Tuesday 4 March

St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Join us on Shrove Tuesday, 4 March, for a pancake party, 5.30pm until 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. There will be pizza and pancakes, with toppings (syrup, chocolate sauce, squirty cream, sugar & lemon) provided - though you are also welcome to bring your own. Games for the children, quizzes, hot and cold drinks, and loads of fun guaranteed. All free. Come and get ready for Lent in the traditional way!

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.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure:
until with thee I have one will
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)
Music: Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)
Hymn Tune: CARLISLE*

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

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled.

As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, 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.**

The president says

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,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity,
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in

vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. 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.

**Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and holden in his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
he lives, who died, he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.**

**Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
our life is hid with God in thee,
now and through all eternity.**

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: Charles Stegall (1826-1905)

Hymn Tune: CHRISTCHURCH

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of

them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

Luke 6.17-26

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 following response is used.

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

God calls us to peace:

in God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God's people:

in Christ is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

This is usually a handshake shared with those near 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.



**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.**

**He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)

Music: from William Gardiner's 'Sacred Melodies' (1815)

Hymn Tune: FULDA

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (G)

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your 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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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

He whom the universe could not contain,
who redeemed us and called us by name
is present to us in this bread and this cup.

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

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

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’).

*To the words “The Body/Blood of Christ” the communicant replies “**Amen**”.*

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

*Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev’rence praise,
in deeper rev’rence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1849-1918)
arranged by Herbert Arthur Chambers (1880-1967)

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

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God,
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heav'ns
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.**

**Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

*Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others
Music: from 'Harmonischer Liederschatz' (1738)
adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)
Hymn Tune: FRANCONIA*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

**You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

*Words: verse 1: Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)
verses 2 & 3: unknown; based on Matthew 4.4; 6.33; 7.7
Music: Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)
arranged by Adrain Vernon Fish (b. 1956)
Hymn Tune: SEEK YE FIRST*

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

**Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A hymn is sung.

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust
but God's pow'r,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.**

**Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.**

**Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.**

**Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Hymn Tune: MICHAEL

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
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

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| 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 |
| Sacred Space: | Last Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm |
| Daily Prayers: | Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am and 5.30pm |

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