

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

# **Sung Eucharist**

The second Sunday of Advent



# Welcome to St Mary's



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## Our stewards are here to help

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion. If you need extra help during a service, or if you would need help to leave the building in an emergency, please let us know.

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# (+) 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 available in our Tots' Corner are near 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 always supervised by a responsible adult.

# 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.



## Other services this week

#### **Advent Carol Service**

Today at 6.00 pm

#### Said Eucharist

Wednesday 10 December at 10.00 am

#### Sanctuary

Thursday II December at 6.30 pm

#### Sung Eucharist for the third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 14 December at 10.00 am

#### **Messy Christingle**

Sunday 14 December at 4.00 pm

# Advent and Christmas at St Mary's

- December 7, 6.00 pm: Advent Carol Service
   'The one who is to come...'
- December 13, 7.00 pm: Svitoch Ukrainian Choir An Advent Concert
- December 14, 4.00 pm: Messy Christingle
   Messy Church for Christmas, with a short Christingle service
- December 18, 6.00 pm: The Longest Night
   A chance to reflect and remember
- December 19, 7.00 pm: Carol Singalong in the Brown Cow
   With Altofts and Normanton Brass Band
- December 21, 7.00 pm: Festival of Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve, 5.00 pm: Crib Service
- Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm: Midnight Mass

### **Notices and events**

# The Leeds South & East Food Bank: What's Needed in November

The Leeds South & East Food Bank continues to be in urgent need of donations of food to help feed those in most need. In particular at the moment they are asking for UHT milk, biscuits, custard, cooking sauces and tinned or packet mashed potatoes.

If you are able, you can donate by picking one of these items up in your weekly shop and dropping it in the box at the back of the church. You can find other ways to help, including donating money or your time, on their website at wkrk.uk/fbd. If you need the help of a foodbank yourself, see wkrk.uk/fbh.

## **Bible discussion group**

Due to clashes with other Christmas and Advent activities, the Bible Discussion Group will take a break in December. It will restart on Friday 9 January, 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm as usual.

# Advent Carol Service: "The one who is to come..."

#### Today at 6.00 pm

We would love you to join us this evening for our Advent Carol Service. As the church moves from darkness to light, we will sing Advent hymns and will hear a series of readings that point us to Jesus as 'the one who is to come', as the choir sings Advent anthems. Come for a multi-sensory experience to help us focus not just on Christmas but on this time of waiting and anticipation.

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

## 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.

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year.

God is working his purpose out, and the day is drawing near.

Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

How can we do the work of God, how prosper and increase harmony in the human race and the reign of perfect peace?

What can we do to urge the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God, his banner is unfurled; let the light of the gospel shine in the darkness of the world: strengthen the weary, heal the sick and set ev'ry captive free, that the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All our efforts are nothing worth unless God bless the deed; vain our hopes for the harvest tide till he brings to life the seed.
Yet ever nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919) adapted by Michael Forster (1946-2023)

Music: Millicent Kingham (1866-1894) in 'Church Hymns' (1903)

Hymn Tune: BENSON

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**

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

The president moves to the Advent Wreath to light the second of the Advent candles. This week the candle helps us remember the Prophets which gives us the opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was foretold. The candle is lit and this prayer is said.

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

The second candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble.

Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love.

Amen.

#### **Invitation to Confession**

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'. So let us listen and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.

#### Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord, have mercy.

A setting of the 'Kyrie eleison' is sung by the Choir.

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

The president says:

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Collect

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with

righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11 1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Hymn**

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.

Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heav'n; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiv'n.

So when next he comes with glory, wrapping all the earth in fear, may he then, as our defender, on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit, to the Father and the Son, with the co-eternal Spirit, while unending ages run.

Words: 6<sup>th</sup> century

translated by Edward Caswall (1824-1878)

Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Hymn Tune: MERTON

## **Gospel Reading**

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

cf Isaiah 40.3-5

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

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 3 1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.

#### An Affirmation of Faith

Please stand with the president.

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

## **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.

#### 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.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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.

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new; bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

Mary, hail, though afraid, she believed, she obeyed, in her womb God is laid; till the time expected nurtured and protected.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

Journey ends, where afar Bethlem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar, unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes, Jesus comes,
we will make him welcome!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: from Piae Cantiones (1582)

Hymn Tune: PERSONENT HODIE

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

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

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Please kneel or sit.

## The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

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**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

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.

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

#### **Anthem**

Sung by the Choir.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every Christian breast, and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our heart prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free, whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) translated by John Chandler (1806-1876) and the editors of 'Hymns & Psalms' Music: from 'Musikalisches Handbuch' (1690) arranged by Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

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

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err; before him righteousness shall go, his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flow'r, shall bud and blossom free; and justice, from her heav'nly bow'r, bless all humanity.

The nations all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to bow them low before thee, Lord, and glorify thy name. For great thou art, and wonders great by thy strong hand are done: thou in thy everlasting seat remainest God alone.

> Words: John Milton (1608-1674) based on Psalms 82, 85 and 86, alt. Music: William Jones (1726-1800) Hymn Tune: SAINT STEPHEN

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way; so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer to the heav'nly shore; may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.

Hallow ev'ry pleasure, ev'ry gift and pain; be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain. Day by day prepare me as thou seest best, then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

> Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896) Music: Friedrich Silcher (1789-1860) Hymn Tune: PASTOR PASTORUM

## The Post Communion Prayer

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

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

#### A hymn is sung.

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own: awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic Rose, as of that Rose the Stem, the Root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem. Crown him the Lord of love:
behold his hands and side;
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Hymn Tune: DIADEMATA

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

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

Sanctuary: Second Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm

Sacred Space: Last Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm

Pilgrims in the Park: Last Saturday of the month at 2.00 pm

at Temple Newsam Park

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

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