

Weekly notice sheet for the week beginning 14th December 2014

The Third Sunday of Advent

We offer you a warm welcome to our worship today.

If you are a visitor to the church please make yourself known to the Vicar, to one of the Churchwardens or to one of the Welcomers. Crèche facilities are available in the tower room at the back of the church. An induction loop is fitted for people with hearing aids – please turn to the T-position. All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Communion can be administered to someone in their seat – please ask. May God bless us as we gather together as his people.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.15am	Holy Communion (Order 1)	Readings
10.00am	Parish Communion	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end
4.00pm	CDFC Nativity Pageant (Sutton village & park)	1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28

The Collect: God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Post Communion: We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. AMEN.

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR...

the Anglican Communion: for the Diocese of Kitgum (Uganda), for Benjamin Ojwang, Bishop;

our Diocese: for Nick, Diocesan Bishop, for Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, for church choirs and musicians, for all leading extra services for schools and local organisations that all may hear the true message of Christmas ;

the Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches: for Farnhill Methodist Church, for the CDFC Council;

our parish: for our work with young people, for the Chuffs group, for those who lead and all who attend;

the world Church & mission agencies: for the Church Army;

our community: for Kildwick Out of School Club, Local Parish Councils, Cross Hills Police Station;

those in need: Chris Sutcliffe, Glyn McElhinney, Tyler Manley, Barry Houghton, Rosie Hargreaves, Angela;

the departed: Julie Kendrew.

***PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU as a reminder of dates, subjects for prayer etc.
Please pass any items for inclusion to Robin Figg by 10am Friday***

Diary

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 7.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday

This week

Mon 15 th	2.00pm	Bible study group (5 Beanlands Drive, Glusburn)
Tue 16 th	10.00am	Chuffs toddler group (Parish Rooms)
	1.30pm	Glusburn School KS1 Christingle service
	7.30pm	Choir practice (Parish Rooms)
Wed 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
	10.15am	Not the Knot group (Parish Rooms)
	7.30pm	Advent Course: 'The Nativity', Part 4 (Parish Rooms)
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice

... and beyond

Sun 21 st Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
Mon 22 nd Dec	10.00am	Decorating the church for Christmas
Wed 24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service
Wed 24 th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Thu 25 th Dec		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.15am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion
Fri 26 th Dec		STEPHEN, DEACON, MARTYR
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Sat 27 th Dec		JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Sun 28 th Dec		THE HOLY INNOCENTS
	8.15am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 4 th Jan		THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	10.00am	Family Communion
Sun 11 th Jan		THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Baptism
Mon 26 th Jan	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Tue 27 th Jan	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sun 1 st Feb		THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
	10.00am	Family Communion with Christingles
Fri 6 th Feb	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church

Next Sunday 21st December 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.15am	Holy Communion (Order 2)	Readings
10.00am	Parish Communion	2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16
4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service by candlelight	Romans 16.25-27
		Luke 1.26-38

Vicar: The Revd Robin Figg, The Vicarage, Kildwick, Keighley BD20 9BB
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WHAT'S ON IN THIS PARISH...

Preparing for worship during Advent. On Sundays during Advent the choir will move to their seats just after 9.55am and we will all keep a time of quiet prayer in preparation for our worship beginning at 10.00am.

'Before the service speak to God, during the service let God speak to you, after the service speak to each other.'

Travelling Crib – during Advent. The two travelling cribs are now on their journey round the parish. They will return to church at the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. There are still gaps on the rota; all are welcome to host Mary & Joseph for a night.

Advent Course, 'The Nativity', concludes 7.30pm-9.00pm NEXT Wednesday 17th December in the Parish Rooms. This short course uses the BBC's popular four-part drama series *The Nativity* which tells the familiar story in a fresh and contemporary way. Each week we watch one 30 minute episode and then spend time in reflection and discussion, before ending with Night Prayer. No need to book, just come along. More details from Robin, 633307.

Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight, 4.00pm NEXT Sunday 21st December. Please note the time for this service. Book this special service in your diary and bring your friends and family. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherd, wise men or nativity animals. The service will last one hour and will take place in the church.

Christmas Cards for church friends. As we did last year, those who wish to do so are invited to write just one card with Christmas wishes to all the friends we see in person in church instead of giving Christmas cards to everyone. The savings on the cost of the cards could perhaps be donated to charity. A notice board to display the cards is available in Church should you wish to use it.

Church Christmas Cards & Notelets now on sale. Various prices. Sold in aid of church funds.

Decorating the church for Christmas. If you can help from 10.00am on Monday 22nd December please speak with June Whitaker, 655320.

Christmas Stamps. Don't forget to save your Christmas stamps for charity. They can be left in the box by the church door. Postcards are also collected.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2015. If you use these envelopes please collect your envelopes for next year. If you are not yet part of the Planned Giving Scheme and would like information about giving by bankers order or weekly or monthly envelopes please contact Robin or Marie Stinson, our PCC Secretary & Treasurer.

New Daylight Bible Reading Notes. Copies of the January – April issue of the Bible Reading Fellowship daily notes are available. If you don't use such notes yet do think about doing so. Excellent value at only £4.25.

bookSWAP: Read It, Swap It. If you are looking for something to read to help you on your journey of faith take a look at the bookSWAP table in the south aisle. If you have books at home that you have enjoyed but no longer need, please bring them to add to the table so others can enjoy them as you have.



Reordering of the central part of the church. The Diocesan Advisory Committee met last week and has recommended the proposed works for approval. This means we can now display the formal Public Notice; this will be done between 20th December and 17th January. This is the statutory 28 day period during which anyone with a due interest in the church may submit objections to the proposed works.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE...

CDFC Christmas Nativity Play, 4.00pm TODAY Sunday 14th December in Sutton Park. Starting at the Bay Horse car park in Ellers Road, Sutton-in-Craven and processing to Sutton Park via the Kings Arms and the Black Bull Inns. All are welcome to join the procession. If possible, come in simply biblical costume. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards in South Craven Baptist Church. For more details please contact Peter Bannister, 636036.

Children's Society Online Advent Calendar. Combining film, words, audio and stories – “open a window each day for a couple of minutes respite from the madness of the season”. At www.childrenssociety.org.uk/advent. For daily reminders follow on twitter: @ChildSocChurch

Alternative Gifts this Christmas: give a gift you won't find on the High Street. Why not consider buying charity gifts for your families and friends this Christmas (or at any time of the year). Many aid and development charities run schemes where you can choose practical gifts which impact directly on the poorest and neediest people of the world. The Christian Aid website is www.presentaid.org

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***A prayer for others, based on John 1.6-8, 19-28***

Loving God, we pray for those voices silenced by war; for those who are silenced by cruelty; for those who are silenced by hunger; for those who are silenced by suffering. May they hear your voice speaking to them in their need, their fear and their loneliness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Sayings from the week and wisdom from the tradition

The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because his manifestation in the world must be through us. Every Christian is, as it were, part of the dust-laden air which shall radiate the glowing epiphany of God, catch and reflect his golden light. *Ye are the light of the world*- but only because you are enkindled, made radiant by the one light of the world. And being kindled, we have got to get on with it, be useful. As Christ said in one of his ironical flashes, “Do not light a candle in order to stick it under the bed!”

- Evelyn Underhill: *Watch for the Light*