

Weekly notice sheet for the week beginning 20th December 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A very warm welcome to our worship today.

If you are a visitor to the church please introduce yourself to the Vicar, to the Churchwarden or to one of the Welcomers after the service. 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 2)	Readings Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-55
10.00am	Parish Communion with prayer for healing	
4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service	

The Collect: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Post Communion: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR...

the Anglican Communion: for the Diocese of the Yewa (Lagos, Nigeria), for Michael Adebayo Oluwarahunbi, Bishop;
our Diocese: for Nick, Diocesan Bishop, for Toby, Bishop of Bradford, for retired clergy within the diocese;
the Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches: for St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills and St Andrew's Methodist Church, Cowling, for the CDFC Council;
our parish: for Lesley Hudson, Churchwarden, for Marie Stinson, PCC Secretary & Treasurer, for members of the PCC, for Brenda Brock, Planned Giving Secretary;
the world Church & mission agencies: for Tim & Kate Lee in the UK and the Jigsaw Kids Ministry Project in Manila, Philippines, for the Church Mission Society (CMS);
our community: for Airedale Hospital, for Manorlands Hospice, for the chaplains, staff and patients;
those in need: David Evans, Geoffrey Myers, Rosie Hargreaves, Simon Tillotson, Michael Baxter, David Harrison, Brian & Kathleen Watkinson, Joan Houghton, Joyce Boden, Tyler Manley;
the departed: William Lynn.

**Please take this leaflet away with you so you can refer to the notices contained in it.
Please also use it to prompt prayers for this parish and all we seek to do in God's service.**

Please pass any items for inclusion to Robin Figg by 10am Thursday

Diary

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 8.30am Monday to Wednesday

This week...

- Mon 21st 12 noon Funeral of William Lynn
7.00pm Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
- Tue 22nd *No Chuffs toddler group – next meeting 12th January*
7.30pm Choir practice (Parish Rooms)
- Wed 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
10.15am Not the Knot group (Parish Rooms)
10.15am Decorating the church for Christmas
7.30pm Bell ringing practice
- Thu 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
4.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Fri 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
8.15am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Communion
- Sat 26th STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR
9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)

... and beyond

- Sun 27th Dec JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
10.00am Holy Communion
- Mon 28th Dec THE HOLY INNOCENTS
9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 3rd Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
10.00am Family Communion
- Mon 4th Jan 2.00pm Pilgrim group 'The Commandments' begins (5 Beanlands Drive)
- Wed 6th Jan 7.30pm Pilgrim group 'The Commandments' begins (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 10th Jan THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
10.00am Parish Communion
- Mon 18th to Mon 25th Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Mon 25th Jan 7.00pm Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
- Tue 26th Jan 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
- Fri 29th Jan 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
- Sun 31st Jan THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
10.00am Family Communion with Christingles

Next Sunday 27th December 2015

John, Apostle and Evangelist

No 8.15am service

10.00am Parish Communion

Readings

Exodus 33.7-11a

1 John 1

John 21.19b-end

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 we all keep a time of quiet prayer for a few minutes before 10.00am in preparation for our worship.

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

Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight, 4.00pm TODAY Sunday 21st December. Come and enjoy this special service and bring your friends and family. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men or nativity animals. The service will last one hour and will take place in the church.

Christmas Services Collections. The collections at the Carol Service, Midnight Eucharist and Christmas Day services will be shared between St George's Crypt, Leeds, and the Church Mission Society & the Jigsaw Kids Ministries project in Manila. The collection at the Crib Service will be for The Children's Society.

Decorating the church for Christmas. If you can help from 10.15am NEXT Wednesday 23rd December please speak with June Whitaker, 655320.

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 board to display the cards is available in church should you wish to use it.

Pilgrim course, 'The Commandments', w/c 4th January. The third module of the *Pilgrim* course will explore the Commandments and will take place over 6 weeks. Each module stands alone so there is no requirement to have attended previous modules to attend this one. Pick up a flyer or invitation cards.

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 £4.30.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2016. 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 Brenda Brock, 633938, our Planned Giving & Gift Aid Secretary.

Editor of *The Bridge* parish magazine. Lesley Hudson is looking to step down as the editor of our monthly magazine. If you are interested in becoming the new editor please speak with Lesley, 523291 or churchwarden@kildwick.org.uk

Receiving Communion during the winter. If you are suffering from a cough or a cold please consider intincting (dipping) your wafer in the wine, instead of receiving the wine directly from the chalice. This will minimise the risk of sharing any bugs. **To intinct, simply dip the edge of the wafer briefly into the wine taking care not to put your fingertips into the wine.**

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE...

Passing Strange and Wonderful: An introduction to the Church of England.

Monday evenings 7.30-9.00pm, from 8th February to 14th March inclusive, at Kadugli House, Elmsley Street, Steeton. This 6 session course will be of interest to any who wish to better understand the Church of England. Topics include: *The Anglican Communion; Liturgy; Priesthood; the Sacraments; the Word; what vicars do.* No cost, but booking essential with Nicholas Turner on canonnicholasturner@gmail.com.

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### ***Sayings from the week and wisdom from the tradition***

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

- **Leo Tolstoy**

Following Jesus will mean surrendering the power that masquerades as security in order to love the neighbour and welcome the stranger. It will mean avoiding the safe path in order to pursue the good.

- **Scott Bader-Saye**



Come to the stable and celebrate.  
Come to the stable and rejoice.  
Come to the stable and meet Jesus,  
born for you, for me and for all the world.  
Come to the stable and sing your songs.  
Come to the stable and join in  
the dance of Christmas.

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