



Weekly notice sheet for the week beginning 17th December 2017

The Third 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 God's people.

TODAY'S SERVICES.

8.15am Holy Communion
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Readings
Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

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 Lesley Hudson by 10am Friday

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WHAT'S ON IN THIS PARISH...

This week...

Mon 18th Dec 6.30pm Glusburn School KS2 Carol Service
Tues 19th Dec 1.30pm Glusburn KS1 Christingle Service
6.00pm Kildwick School KS2 Carol service
Thurs 21st Dec 2.00pm Kildwick School Christingle Service

.....and beyond

Sun 24th Dec 4.00pm Crib Service
Sun 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Mon 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY
10.00am Family Communion
Mon 26th Dec STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR
9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Weds 27th Dec JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)

Sun 7th Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
10.00am Family Communion
Sun 14th Jan THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism
Sun 28th Jan THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR...

Those in need: Tyler Manley, the Barrett family, Michael Baxter, Louise Spilman, Peter McNeill, Matthew Warham, William Brown, Rosie Hargreaves, John Hall

Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight, 4.00pm TODAY. Please note the time for this service. Do come along 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.

Church Christmas Cards are available to buy at the back of the church, please do have a look.

Christmas appeal from Jigsaw. Please collect a copy from the back of the church.

Please collect a copy of a letter and survey prepared by Julie Bacon with regard to future service planning over the three churches. It is important that we all participate in this survey. Please return your form by the end of December 2017.

There are flyers at the back of the church with information on the Christmas Services please take some to give to friends and neighbours.

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 collection at the Crib Service will be for The Children's Society.

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

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.

Lighting the Advent Ring

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

After the candles are lit the reader invites us to say together

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.**



Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

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.

First Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

The servant of the Lord said:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel

John 1.6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord"',
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

<i>Next Sunday 24th December 2017</i> The Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve		
8.15am	Holy Communion (Order2)	Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Romans 16:25-end Luke 1:26-38
10.00am	Family Communion	
4 pm	Crib Service	
11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	