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Church News for Sunday 6th December 2020 **Advent 2** Worshipping With Us

We are delighted to be open for gathered worship once again for details please see below.
We are also continuing with PhoneChurch at 09:00
To join in simply call 03300 945 940
then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #
please see below for more detailed information.

Sunday 6th December **Advent 2**



09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **Patrick Brompton** & PhoneChurch

11:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - **Hornby**

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - **Hauxwell**

Readings

Isaiah 40.1–11, *Psalm 85.1–2,8–13**, 2 Peter 3.8–15a, & Mark 1.1–8

Evening Readings

*Psalm 40**, 1 Kings 22.1–28, Romans 15.4–13

Collect

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

Post Communion

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

BCP Collect

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Christ.

During the week

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

20:00 [Compline](#) - Saturday

Sunday 13th December Advent 3



09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - **Spennithorne** & PhoneChurch

11:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **Hornby**

16:00 [Evening Prayer](#) – **Crakehall** & Zoom (Taizé Music)

Readings

Isaiah 61.1–4,8–11, Magnificat, 1 Thessalonians 5.16–24, & John 1.6–8,19–28

Evening Readings

*Psalm 68.1–19**, Malachi 3.1–4; 4, Philippians 4.4–7

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant

ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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

BCP Collect

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God without end.

During the week

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

18:00 [Doorstep Carols](#) - Sing from your Doorstep - more details below!

20:00 [Compline](#) - Saturday

Sunday 20th December Advent 4

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) Patrick Brompton & Phone Church.



10:00 Holy Communion - Hornby

16:00 BCP Evensong - Finghall

Readings

2 Samuel 7.1–11, 16, *Psalm 89.1–4, 19–26**, Romans 16.25–27, Luke 1.26–38

Evening Readings

Psalms 113, Zechariah 2.10–13, Luke 1.39–55

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she waited for his coming as our saviour,

so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us 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.

During the week - Phoenix Church

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

16:00 Christmas @ the crib Spennithorne (Outside)
18:00 The Sound of Christmas Finghall (Outside)
23:30 Midnight Mass Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

09:00 Holy Communion Hauxwell
09:30 Holy Communion Hornby
10:30 Holy Communion PhoneChurch
10:30 Christmas @ the crib Crakehall (Outside)

Sunday 27th December Christmas 1

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Spennithorne & Phone Church.
10:00 Morning Prayer - Hornby
16:00 [Simply Together in the Afternoon](#) - Zoom

Readings

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3, *Psalms 148**, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

Evening Readings

Luke 2.41-52

Collect

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of the blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last see the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of the holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your end everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best use the system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problems at the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

For the liturgy/service booklet please follow the link for the relevant service.

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For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Please see link above as this is likely to change
Weddings can take place with 15 people present.
Funerals 30 people present.

There continue to be complex restrictions and procedures in place and these services will look and feel very different to what you might be used to so please do talk with Rev'd Chris at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every Wednesday. Our next meetings are at **16:15** - on 16/12/20 and after a Christmas break starts again on the PhoneChurch number.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th as his rest days.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on [Wednesday 23rd at 11:00 via Zoom](#)

Hackforth Village Hall

AGM – Monday 21st December, 19.00 for the 2019/2020 financial year*

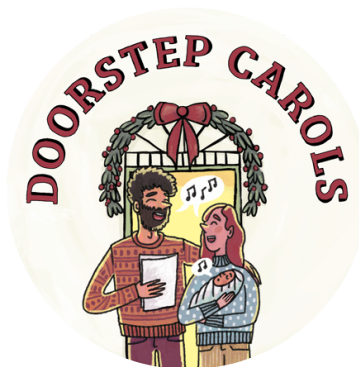


To be held virtually, by Zoom

Please contact david.s.mcknight@talk21.com for papers and joining instructions.

Any items of any other business must strictly be pre-notified to david.s.mcknight@talk21.com above by 12noon Thursday 17th December, please.

*activity/accounting period is 01st March 2019 to 29th Feb 2020.



Doorstep Carols

Wednesday 16th December 18:00

Join us on your doorsteps across the nation this Christmas to sing carols together and spread some much cheer! Carols on the Doorstep started in Shropshire but is spreading far and wide as more local radio stations get on board. We will be able to tune in to [BBC Radio York](#) on FM: 95.5, 103.7, 104.3

The words for the [Carols are available to print at home](#) but if you need a copy printed for you please contact Penny and he will send them to you.

Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

Friday afternoons at 16:00

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Living God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

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Shoebox appeal for the elderly

Can you make a difference to a lonely or isolated elderly person this Christmas?

Many elderly people will be facing a very different Christmas this year.

They may have to face Christmas alone and will miss out on social contact with family and friends.

Age UK North Yorkshire and Darlington would like to try and help by collecting shoeboxes to show that someone cares.

We are asking all colleagues, volunteers, friends and family if they could put a shoebox together full of presents that an elderly person would love.

How can you help?

We would suggest items such as puzzle books, hot chocolate, biscuits, warm socks, gloves, slippers, etc.

toiletries, confectionery, pens or handmade gifts – the list is endless but no alcohol, please!
 If you would like to help, please drop your shoebox off at the following locations by Shoeboxes can be dropped at St Matthew's Leyburn until December 6th.

You could donate just one gift or several gifts in a shoebox or similar container. If you plan on wrapping a gift, please use wrapping paper please make sure the lid can be taken off.
 Please could you also label if the box/gift is for male/ female/ unisex.

We will then arrange to distribute the shoeboxes to local people across the whole of the Richmondshire area.

Liberia News



Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes

Simon is a dentist leading a team at a clinic at the Eternal Love Winning All (ELWA) Hospital in Monrovia. Grace is a nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. The couple are sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM).

Rosemary Gaven is our local contact and keeps us update with the news they send. On Wednesday 3rd December, Grace and Simon will be up early to drive to Buchanan, a town on the coast some 70 miles from Monrovia. They, together with Wannie, Daniel, Helena and Charles, will be setting up a dental outreach clinic in a school classroom for 2 days. Already they have heard that over 50 people have registered to see them, and they hope that the message that they will only be offering extractions has been heard.

They are being hosted by a local (SIM related) church and they trust that the Good News will also be shared at this time. The local language is Bassa (which, at least, Daniel speaks). They plan to stay overnight in Buchanan and return to ELWA on Thursday evening.

Meanwhile, Eddie has been continuing in his quest – now in its third year – to get himself and Matilda's International Nurse Practitioner qualification (gained in India several years ago) recognised by the Liberian government. The LMDC (Liberia Medical & Dental Council) have lost their application papers on at least 2 occasions and Eddie is having to help design the new membership card! Simon is particularly keen to have Matilda's qualification recognised so that she has more credibility, and so validate Trinity Dental Clinic ministry in the absence of a local dentist.

Needless to say, there is no further news on Eddie's exam results. Last Saturday Simon made a gate for Eddie and Nicolas's front porch to keep their younger children contained when they return in January. When he came home on Monday he said that it was a public holiday there and he was pottering.

They are currently trying to book their flights to South Africa to hopefully arrive on 22nd December. They

appreciate our prayers and give thanks for them.

Lisle's Limericks

Rev'd Lisle has offered us the following two reflections on the Gospel readings for the next two weeks

Jesus the Saviour is coming again.
 Let's be prepared though we cannot know when
 he'll be here in glory
 fulfilling the story,
 gathering the faithful under his reign.
For Advent

John's is a voice crying in the wild –
 "Make a straight way for the Christ child.
 Now if only you knew
 how he grows among you."
 When compared to him John feels defiled.
John 1.19-28 For Advent 3

And Finally



From Rev'd Chris.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2

2020 has at its worst been a time of fear, but the end is now in sight - not to 2020 but to a way of living without virus. This year the Church of England has chosen 'Comfort and Joy' as the theme and I am thoroughly with this, especially as we are now allowed to sing (outside) again!

So as I write I am listening to God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen by Annie Lennox - with its minor key and haunting whistle it is rather moving. And it has started me thinking about what carols we might sing together this Christmas. What is a must sing for you? Or should I ask are there Carols that you loathe? For me, it goes beyond my favourites are ones that have a storytelling element that seek to draw us into the Christmas Narrative and all those who have sung it before. Perhaps I'm getting a bit misty-eyed so let's get back to the practical.

Christmas is going to be significantly different to what we have been used to. For example, there is no way to accommodate the 250 worshippers as we normally would at Hornby on Christmas Eve in a covid secure way. Therefore we have planned for a mixture of indoor and outdoor services - all complying with both the current regulations and best practice as we try and keep everyone safe. So please do come and if you have a family bubble bring them as well as we will be sitting/standing in groups. I realise that the weather may have an effect on our outdoor services but barring blizzard conditions we plan to plough on regardless, so come wrapped up with something to sit on if that would help. If you are coming to the Christmas Eve services please do bring a candle even a lantern - I have a feeling that we might just have a Christmas to remember!

Come Celebrate with us this Christmas

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**We wish you a Happy Christmas and invite you to come and join us at our
Secure services in your family bubbles with singing at our outdoor services**

Rev'd Chris and all at Lower Wensleydale Churches

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