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Church News for Sunday 20th December 2020 **Advent 4** 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 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 was ready 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 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 - PhoenChurch

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, *Psalm 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

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.

During the week - PhoneChurch

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

Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2

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

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

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

Readings

Jeremiah 31.7-14, Psalm 147.13-21, Ephesians 1.3-14, & John 1.[1-9]10-18

Evening Readings

Isaiah 60.1-9, John 2.1-11, Evening Psalms Psalms 98, 100

Collect

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of your love who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon himself and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in our hearts and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

BCP Collect

Almighty God who didst wonderfully create man in thine own image, and didst yet more wonderfully restore him: Grant, we beseech thee, that as thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ was made in the likeness of men, so we may be made partakers of the divine nature; through the same thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

During the week

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

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

Sunday 10th January The Baptism of Christ

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

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

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

Readings

Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, & Mark 1.4-11

Evening Readings

Psalms 46, Isaiah 42.1-9 Ephesians 2.1-10

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children through Jesus Christ your 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of creation; 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 this 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 meetings are taking a short break and start again on 13/01/21 at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 22nd and Tuesday 29th as his rest days.

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

The latest newsletter from the [Diocese is now available here](#)

Christmas Greetings



Andrew & Christine Wallach would like to send Seasonal Greetings to our friends and former neighbours in the Lower Wensleydale Parish and every good wish for 2021. We know we have suffered some bereavements in recent months, but we still think of you often

Fr Philip and Linda wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and every good wish for a Happy and Peaceful New Year

Rev'd's Siân & Chris thank you for all the cards - We hope your Christmas and New Year are truly blessed

Hackforth Village Hall

AGM – Monday 21st December, 18.00 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.

Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectures 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 Christ and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of 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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A time to remember
in a year like no other

Light up a Life

Dedicate a light this Christmas to remember someone special and share in our virtual event. Join us in reflecting on precious memories from the safety and comfort of your own home.

The special memories we have of loved ones remain a strong and real part of our daily lives, and therefore Light up a Life remains an important part of our Christmas tradition, with the people we continue to love at the centre of the occasion.

For this reason, we have created an event which enables us to come together, even when we are apart. To help keep you, our community, as safe as possible at this time, we will hold our very special event virtually.

Bringing together music, reflection, and time and space to reflect on precious memories, this special event takes place:

www.herriothh.org.uk,
3pm, Sunday December 13, 2020

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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 nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. The couple 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. Simon and Grace the Dental team seek to serve their patients every day at the Trinity Dental Clinic, but there is something about taking dental care out from the Clinic to places where there is literally no dental treatment to be found. They had such a trip last at the beginning of December when they went for 2 days to Buchanan, a large town on the coast some 80 miles SE of Monrovia. There was a crowd waiting for the medical team and the dental team to set up their equipment by 10:15 and started working steadily seeing 40 patients by 4 p.m. The Pastor shared good news of Jesus Christ, the Healer while the people waited. The next day they saw another 31 patients then left at lunchtime. Simon's main role was to ensure the smooth flow of patients and help out with the difficult problems. Grace meanwhile did a sterling job keeping everyone supplied with clean instruments. It was an absolute delight to watch their team demonstrate the love of God and serve their fellow countrymen in a very tangible way.

Simon and Grace are to head off to Johannesburg on Monday next week - 21st December to spend time with daughter Alison and her husband Charles as well as Grace's brother and his family. It is over a year since they were last on leave and they are seriously looking forward to a break and they plan to return there on 28th. This is assuming that their pre-flight Covid tests which they are having on Friday this week are negative. We pray they are! On Friday afternoon they will also have the end of year cleaning of the Clinic. Last Saturday they had a farewell for their hospital CEO and family on the beach - more food made for that event too. Grace is doing the cooking!!

On Tuesday Simon and Grace had their helpers Christmas lunch, Jollof Rice and fried chicken a tasty treat. They organised a Carol Service for the expats on the compound on Wednesday evening. Grace has made gingerbread and is doing gingerbread houses and biscuits with the missionary children over the next 2 days. On Saturday they will have lunch with the commonwealth families and then they get ready to leave on Monday.

They wish everyone a very happy Christmas and thank you for your prayers.

Lisle's Limericks

Rev'd Lisle has offered us the following reflections on the Christmas Story

The Angel Gabriel by God was sent
to Mary with news of a holy event.

“For a mystery prepare

it's God's Son you shall bear.”
 Dispelling all fear she gave her consent.
Luke 1.26-38

The Word was with God from the beginning
 without whom nothing came into being.
 With creation of life
 from God came the Light
 the dread of the dark overcoming.
John 1.1-5

To certain shepherds under the sky
 an angel of the Lord spoke from on high
 “Do not be afraid.
 In a manger displayed
 is the babe that God is to magnify.”

“To Bethlehem we must go and view
 this babe with Mary and Joseph too.”
 So the shepherds arrived
 and to them described
 that as the Messiah his time was due.

Departing they told of all they had found
 to those who had come from places around
 There was wonder and joy
 at the news of this boy,
 while Mary treasured the words profound.
Luke 2.8-20

One of Lile's Limericks has now been set to sound and is very much worth listening to
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JppbkElKhJ4&feature=youtu.be>

And Finally

From Sue our Reader.

Well, we're still waiting – it's still Advent and not quite Christmas. If ever there was a Christmas when the focus is to do is to focus on the meaning of Christmas, this is it. Most of us think of Christmas as a time we celebrate our families, and it usually is a joyous and happy time. Yet the true meaning and joy of Christmas, we know from the coming of Jesus into the world, the miracle of his birth – a tiny baby wrapped up against the cold sleeping not in a little crib but in a manger. So yes, we are celebrating, but what we're celebrating is this wonderful of all gifts – the birth of the baby in the manger, who is the son of God.

But, as I write, it's not quite here yet, Christmas, and we're still waiting – and where is our focus? Because we're also waiting for all kinds of other things. Waiting for our turn to be vaccinated, waiting to hug our friends, waiting to be able to visit who we like when we like, waiting for an end to the sickness and the deadly pandemic. It can still feel dark, this waiting, if our gaze stays here, if our focus rests here. But what did

say to the shepherds? 'Don't be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people. This good news – great joy! And this joy depends only on the little baby, who is indeed, the Saviour, the Lord. Let us be our focus; let's slowly and quietly contemplate the birth of Jesus. We will surely find the joy and the peace that he brings.

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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