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**At the heart
of Christmas**



Church News for 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ & Plough Sunday

Worshipping With Us

We are delighted to return to a more normal pattern of worship across our six churches and are ready to join you in all our buildings. PhoneChurch will continue to be offered at the 09:00 service each Sunday, joining the congregation at Spennithorne and Patrick Brompton on alternating weeks.

To join in with PhoneChurch simply call 03300 945 940
then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #
please see below for more detailed information.

As more folk are joining us for gathered worship, the printed copies of PewNews will be available at the services and then delivered during the week to those who have requested them. We hope this will save effort, and expenditure. Please do let us know if you no longer require a posted/delivered copy.

**At the heart
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Sunday 9th January **Baptism of Christ** & **Plough Sunday**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - **St Patrick's Patrick Brompton**
 09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **St Michael's Spennithorne** & PhoneChurch
 10:45 [Plough Sunday](#) Family Service - **St Mary's Hornby**
 10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - **St Gregory's Crakehall**
 17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - **St Andrew's Finghall**

Readings

Isaiah 43.1-7, *Psalm 29*, Acts 8.14-17, & Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit to 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, 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 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.

BCP Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to do the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) - **PhoneChurch**
 10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Aelred of Hexham 1167](#) **St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch**

Sunday 16th January **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**



09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **St Patrick's Patrick Brompton** & PhoneChurch
 09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - **St Michael's Spennithorne**
 10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - **St Mary's Hornby**
 10:45 Simply Together - **St Gregory's Crakehall**
 17:00 BCP Evensong- [Sr Dora](#) - **St Oswald's Hauxwell**

Readings

Isaiah 62.1-5, *Psalm 36.5-10*, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, & John 2.1-11

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

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

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Wulfstan, 1095](#) - **St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch**

Sunday 23rd January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) - **St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch**

09:00 [Family Service](#) - **St Michael's Spennithorne**

10:45 Holy Communion - **St Mary's Hornby**

10:45 Baptism followed by [Holy Communion](#) - **St Gregory's Crakehall**

17:00 [Evening Prayer \(Taizé\)](#) - **Zoom**

Readings

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10, *Psalm 19**, 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a, & Luke 4.14-21

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Almighty Father,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

During the week

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

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Timothy and Titus](#) **St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch**

Sunday 30th January The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - **Phone Church**

10:00 United BCP Holy Communion - **St Oswald's Hauxwell**

16:00 T.O.A.S.T.ingle - Location to be confirmed

Readings

Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4, *Psalm 48*, 1 Corinthians 13.1-13, Luke 2.22-40

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of your glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

During the week

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

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - The Presentation Candlemas **St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneC**

18:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - The Presentation Candlemas **St Oswald's Hauxwell**

Sunday 6th February 4 before Lent

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **St Andrew's Finghall**

09:00 [Family Service](#) - **St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch**

10:45 Baptism followed by [Holy Communion](#) - **St Gregory's Crakehall**

18:30 [BCP Evensong](#) - **St Michael's Spennithorne**

Readings

Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13], *Psalms* 138, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, & Luke 5.1-11

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all danger; carry us through all temptations; 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they may stand only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

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10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - **St Gregory's Crakehall & PhoneChurch**

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.

As above to join in simply call 03300 945 940
then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #

For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

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



With the introduction of 'Plan B'

Our approach here in Lower Wensleydale for the moment is

Masks are required when inside the building except when leading or singing a part of a choir.

Spacing out by using alternate pews is a simple way to help others.

The Peace will continue to be shared from where we sit or stand.

Communion also continues in the same format as we have used during the restrictions with the Priest I the consecrated wafers to the congregation.

Hospitality at the end of services will continue where possible.

Test & Trace continues in line with best practice advice.

Ice - Snow - Wind - Flood!

If we have to cancel a service due to extreme weather a notice will be put up on the Church if possible.
 We will also change the message on the Benefice phone line.
 Please call 01677 937 124 before travelling if concerned.
 And join us on PhoneChurch 03300 945 940 then at the prompt
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 and use Guest PIN: 3885 #




Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd February at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number. (If a change is announced from No. 10 then a meeting will take place the following day in the normal manner)

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 9th January at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking his rest days on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th January.

St Patrick's PCC is on Monday 10th at 16:00 in the Schoolroom

St Mary's PCC is on Thursday 13th at 14:30 in Church

St Gregory's PCC is on Thursday 13th at 19:00 in Church

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is at 11:00 on Wednesday 26th January at **St Mary, Wat**
welcome

The January [Newsletter from The Diocese of Leeds](#) is now available.

Parish Lunch

Our upcoming Parish Lunches are



Wednesday the 12th of January at The Old Horn, Spennithorne 12:30-13:00.

Thursday the 20th of January at The Greyhound, Hackforth 12:00 for 12:30.

Please book in with the Pub for Spennithorne - 01969 622 370

Please let Myra know by the Monday for Hackforth and Crakehall- 01677 427 970

The two-course lunch will cost £11.

***All Are Welcome
(from any Parish!)***

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

Tuesday 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 heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

Penny Johnson: 01677 450082 pennyj.johnson5@gmail.com or

Sue Bianco: 01677 450009 susanbianco54@gmail.com

No Oasis - Please!

From Lisle Ryder, St Patrick's Environment Representative.

In the light of banning by the Royal Horticultural Society at its shows, please would those arranging flow use floral foam usually sold as Oasis. Through its use of microplastics, it causes serious pollution to the environment. Disposal of remains should not be added to compost, and particles should not be allowed down drains. Alternatives include glass beads or chicken wire scrunched into a vase.

For more info please see this article - <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/24-september/news/uk/bishop-campaign-for-more-sustainable-approach-to-flower-arranging>

St Gregory's Crakehall Educational Trust

- Do you need help with funding extra educational courses, sports training or other educational activities?
- Do you live in or close to Crakehall and Langthorne?



Grants have been given in recent months for school trips, music lessons, post graduate education, after school sports camp, etc.

Please let us know if the trust can help YOU!

The trustees meet three times a year.

The next meeting is on 3rd February 2022.

Application forms are in the Church Lobby and need to be in writing with details of the related expenses to be before the event takes place.

Applications in by 30th January 2022, please.

Please contact Mrs Pauline Irwin, Hollis Cottage, The Green, Crakehall, Bedale, North Yorkshire DL8 1L or via email at pollyirwin@lcccommunications.com

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. They were sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM)

Rosemary Gaven is our local contact and keeps us updated with the news they send. Simon reports that Prof. Rob's visit went well and much progress was achieved with the curriculum for the Therapy School. There was a good meeting with the Health Minister. Eddie arrived home for two weeks. A team of ex-pat nurses, Grace and Simon, helped by a generous donation helped distribute a nice meal to the hospital staff thanking them for their work this year and was much appreciated. They went on leave on the 23rd December to join Alison, Clive and Nathan in Johannesburg for 3 weeks. They didn't know if they could fly but the ban was lifted at the last minute and they are very excited to see their family very soon and Grampa is looking forward to meeting his little grandson Nathan for the first time. **God is good!** They wish to thank all at St Gregory's and others for continued support and prayers as they minister in Liberia and wish you all a Happy Christmas and send

And Finally



From +Helen-Ann Ripon.

Amongst the many news headlines recently, one in particular caught my eye: 'James Webb: A \$10bn mission in search of the end of darkness'. The story concerns a new telescope that is due to be launched this month. This new telescope, it is hoped, will look deeper into space than ever before, and in so doing will look back in time to the beginning of the universe. The story posed the question that the telescope will help us answer: where do we come from? That's a question that could be answered in a number of ways, but asked in this context it's an invitation perhaps to ponder our existence in a more profound way? Christmas at its core is about God becoming human in Jesus Christ. From there, the story of the world unfolds; a bit like the emergence of light at the dawn of time, that spread so rapidly. The birth of Jesus brought that light into a new perspective: illuminating our world in ways that continue to resonate. Perhaps

our role as disciples is to help that divine light to shine more brightly in our communities? Sometimes the light to illumine our own lives in new ways, and that might not always be a comfortable experience! the case may be, John puts it like this in his prologue (1.5): 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.

I am immensely grateful for all that you do; often quietly, persistently and alone, going above and beyond your duty. Thank you. I very much hope and pray that amidst the busyness of the coming weeks, there will be an opportunity for rest and refreshment.

As we continue to navigate the complex uncertainties and anxieties of our current age, my prayer this Christmas is for the light of Christ to continue to shine. In the words of Bernadette Farrell's hymn: 'Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today'.

Happy Christmas, and all prayers and best wishes for 2022!

At the heart of Christmas



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