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Church News for 21st November 2021

Christ the King

Worshipping With Us

We are delighted to return to a more normal pattern of worship across our six churches and are ready to you to join us in all our buildings. PhoneChurch will continue to be offered at the 09:00 service each Sunday. 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 time and expenditure. Please do let us know if you no longer require a posted/delivered copy.

Sunday 21st November Christ the King

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 'Stir Up' Simply Together - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Andrew's Fingall**Readings**Daniel 7.9-10,13,14, *Psalm 93*, Revelation 1.4b-8, & John 18.33-37**Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all thir and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole create worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good work you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch09:30 Tuesday - [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch

11:00 Wednesday - Richard William Cooper Funeral - St Michael's Spennithorne

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - PhoneChurch

At the heart of Christmas

**Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday**09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch09:00 [Family Service](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:45 Holy Communion - St Mary's Hornby

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

17:00 **Advent BCP Evensong** - St Oswald's Hauxwell

Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16, *Psalm 25.1-9*, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is reigning with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

During the week

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

18:00 Tuesday - **St Andrew's Day Patronal Holy Communion** - St Andrew's Finghall

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

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - PhoneChurch



Sunday 5th December Advent 2



09:00 BCP Holy Communion - **St Oswald's Finghall**

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

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

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

Readings

Malachi 3.1-4, *Canticle: Benedictus*, Philippians 1.3-11, & Luke 3.1-6

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 bountiful 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.

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Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to meet him 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 a way hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

During the week

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

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

18:00 Thursday - School Nativity - **St Michaels, Spennithorne**

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - **PhoneChurch**

Sunday 12th December Advent 3



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

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **St Michael's Spennithorne** & PhoneChurch

10:45 Family Service - **St Mary's Hornby**

10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - **St Gregory's Crakehall**

14:30 WI Carol Service - **St Michael's Spennithorne**

17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - **St Andrew's Finghall**

Readings

Zephaniah 3.14-end, *Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6*, Philippians 4.4-7, & Luke 3.7-18

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

09:30 Tuesday - [Morning Prayer](#) - **St Michael's Spennithorne**

16:00 Tuesday - Crakehall School Christmas - **St Gregory's, Crakehall**

19:00 Tuesday - RABl Carols at the Mart (Leyburn)

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

18:00 Wednesday - Hunton School Christingle - **St Patrick's Patrick Brompton**

17:00 Friday - Carols around the village - **Patrick Brompton**

14:00 Saturday - Baptism - **St Oswalds Hauxwell**

18:00 Saturday - Lessons & Carols - **St Gregory's, Crakehall**

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - **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.

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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>



With Step 4 of the Government Roadmap has come a relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions.

[Bishop Nick and his colleagues have written a letter to the churches of the Diocese which can be viewed here.](#)

In the letter, he encourages us to look to the needs of our neighbours and to take a cautious approach to opening

Our approach here in Lower Wensleydale for the moment is

Masks are encouraged when moving around and when the building is crowded.

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

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

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

Hospitality at the end of services we hope to be able to reintroduce this during September.

Test & Trace continues in line with best practice advice.

Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders. Our next meetings are on 10/11/21 and 01/12/21 at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number.

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 6th December at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking his rest days on Friday 26th and Tuesday 30th.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is at 11:00 on Wednesday 24th November at **St John the Evangelist, East Witton - all are welcome**

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

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 flower 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 into drains. Also include glass beads or chicken wire crunched 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>

Message in the Movies

Come and join us as we watch a film by Danny Boyle where **'Ethics, being human and the soul come to the fore when a 7 year old finds a bag of Pounds just days before the currency is switched to Euros and learns what we are really made of.'**



Free Popcorn - Bring your own drinks
No Charge for this event!

St Gregory's Crakehall
Thursday 25th Nov. 18:30

Crakehall Youth Club



St Gregory's Crakehall Youth Club

We are back ... and about time too

One Friday in every month from **19:00-21:00 at Crakehall Village Hall.**

Bridging the gap between primary and secondary school and open to kids in Year 6 to Year 9/10.

An evening of catching up with friends, playing organised games, a quiet moment, a tuck shop and a whole lot of fun. For young people who currently attend Y6 or have attended the village school, live in the village, within the benefice and Lower Wensleydale Benefice.

We are coming back soon for two random dates remaining in 2021 - Friday 12th November and Friday 1st December. And then on into 2022

With updated safeguarding procedures in place, please don't just drop off your son/daughter and leave. We have new registration forms that need completing before we can take responsibility for your child. Plus, it would be great to hear from you.

to say hello.

Fancy helping, we would also be keen to hear from you. Subject to DBS and safeguarding training. Former member of the Youth Club over the years and fancy lending a hand please get in touch. Why not give the 'nicest' youth club in North Yorkshire a try?

If you have any questions, please speak to:

Trevor Starkey (tel. 07889 466 233), Gilly & Colin Bartram,

Louise Shepherd (Crakehall School), Peter Lohmeyer (Village Hall Committee),

Rev'd Chris Lawton (Church tel. 01677 937 124)

Parish Lunch

It was fantastic to be able to gather again for our much-loved Parish Lunches



- do come and join us!

Wednesday the 8th of December at The Old Horn, Spennithorne 12:30 for 13:00.

Thursday the 16th of December at The Queens Head, Finghall 12:00 for 12:30.

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

Please let Myra know by Monday 13th for Finghall- 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 era 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:

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

Sue Bianco: 01677 450009 susanbianco54@gmail.com

Community News

Bedale Community Library, Make new friends, learn new skills, support your community. Bedale Community Library is an asset supported by many local people. To extend the opening hours we need more volunteers in the library and do many tasks behind the scenes. Volunteers do 3 hour shifts in teams about 3 times a week on dates they choose. Full training is given.

If you would like to know more please email us -

committee@bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk

or call into the library in Bedale Hall - the volunteers will welcome you.

Tuesday and Friday 10-12 and 2-4. Saturday 10-12.

www.bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk

Coffee Morning



From Liz

Thank you to all who came to support our **Friends of Mettupalayam Coffee Morning** this week. We raised £810 I was overwhelmed.

If you would like to know more about this charity please visit

[Changing Lives, A Rural Development Project in South India](#)

Andrew Wallach

We were very sorry to hear that Andrew had died on 4 th November after a short illness. Before moving to Devon a few years ago Andrew was well known locally as a cricket umpire with Christine managing the catering at High Parks for a while. More significantly and longer ago after a rather traumatic break with the Exclusive Brethren their faith in God and in Christ held firm. Moving north they much appreciated being made welcome at St Patrick's to continue on the next stage in their faith journey, with both supporting the Church on the PCC. As we remember him in prayer we also remember how Christine depended on him for support and pray for her in this time of loss and grief. As well as practical support may she find consolation and peace from God.

Constable Burton Reading Room Christmas Celebration Saturday 18th Dec 21

Constable Burton Reading Room is the venue for mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas carols on Saturday 18th December 2021 from 14:00 til 17:00. Weather permitting this will be outside so 'wrap up warm'! Santa v grotto from 16:00 til 17:00. The cost per child will be £5. Advanced bookings for Santa are advisable through Dobson on 01677 450 460. There will also be a Christmas Cake Competition and a Christmas Raffle. The community of Constable Burton look forward to greeting you there and wish you all a Very Happy Christmas.

For details and other events please see the village website <https://constableburton.org/> or see the village noticeboard.



Wensleydale Tournament of Song Returns



Following a two year break, we are very pleased to announce that The Wensleydale Tournament of Song returns to Leyburn in March of 2022.

For over 100 years, the annual Tournament Festival of Music and Speech has sought to promote the study, performance and appreciation of music and prose, and has afforded competitors the opportunity of having their performance marked by professional adjudicators. For generations, it has brought together young and old from the community, and has given us all the chance to hear our local choirs and orchestras at their best, as well as numerous, wonderful, solo performers. Over 100 classes, ranging from prose and poetry readings, instrumental music, and songs, both solo and in groups, means that there is something for everyone, either as a competitor or a supporter.

The 2022 syllabus and entry forms can be found at Hewson's in Leyburn, on our website at www.wensleydaletos.co.uk, or from the Secretary via email: secretary.wts@outlook.com.

Throughout the pandemic, the community spirit of the Dales has shone through, and we sincerely hope the same spirit will help us to give you all a Festival to remember. New entrants can be assured of a warm and welcoming reception by the Wensleydale audience, as well as a sympathetic assessment and encouragement from our experienced adjudicators.

We look forward to meeting old friends, and making new ones; and to keeping this traditional, and much loved event going for many more years to come.

Crakehall Brownies & Guides

We plan to meet again on Tuesdays starting on 14th September
at Crakehall village hall

Brownies (7-10 years) from 5.30pm until 7pm

Guides (10-14 years) from 7pm until 8.30pm

If you are interested please come along and bring your friends.

For further information or to find out more please visit the girlguiding.org.uk website or email crakehallguides@gmail.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. The couple was 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 says it's a wonderful change of pace and scenery in Johannesburg getting to know their lovely baby grandson Nana. Grace says that Alison and Charles are doing brilliantly with early parenthood! Grandpa is not to be out left out as they will both be going to spend three weeks with the family in Johannesburg leaving just before Christmas.

Grace arrived back in Liberia in early November and hit the ground running. Another ETAT Training course was held last week and she arrived in time to offer closing inspirational remarks at the certificate ceremony!

Simon is part of a team searching for hospital board members from all over, interviewing them for suitability and passion to see the hospital flourish. Grace has just recently been asked to join another team in search of a country Director for SIM as their current Director is retiring in August 2022. This will need lots of prayer and choice, meetings, some strong discussions and Grace taking the notes and distributing them. This will take time over the coming months.

Simon is still waiting for the payment process for the panoramic x-ray machine. They are all delighted that it has progressed to his third year so three more years to go! Simon is still waiting for any response from Dental School about Wannie's application. As Simon says there is plenty to keep them on their toes and mischief!

Prayers are ongoing and greatly needed to keep all these going well and on track. Simon and Grace are grateful for every prayer said for them and their needs to be met.

And Finally

From Fr Philip

So I thought I would look on a certain mail-order website for Advent Calendars.

Naturally, there were the regular 24 different chocolates but perhaps to look for something different?

Sorry, I have grown out of 24 different Lego characters to assemble – perhaps the nearest to the Christn and even 24 different Thomas the Tank Engine toys did not appeal. Assembling a Porsche 911 over 24 c be interesting but perhaps assembling an aeroplane might be more appropriate in advance of the “flight Egypt”?

24 different miniature Gin’s might appeal to some, but I could not find the 24 different Whisky one so still miniature wine bottles seemed more attractive, for purely medicinal purposes, of course, but not quite in things!

For the abstemious, there are of course 24 different teas to be drunk or 24 different jams to try over brea the movie enthusiast, there is the Harry Potter selection or even a Dr Who TARDIS with 24 intergalactic did not relish spending over £100 on that.

In exasperation, I retyped the item request as “traditional Advent Calendar” and received a selection of Robin, Reindeer, and snow scenes. Oh well.

I know “Christmas Religious Advent Calendar” – hooray found one only £2.99 with an explanation of the story from Advent Sunday to Christmas Day on each door.

Why was that process so difficult? Going to a secular website rather than a religious one might have bee problem but does the selection not simply represent the purchasing habits of society in general? Perhaps shared our enthusiasm in the joy of anticipation, of growing towards the coming of the Christ Child, of the Christmas Day itself and the prospect of “God with Us” we might encourage others to join us.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all – when it comes!



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