

Welcome to today's Mass. Worship is for everyone – children as well as adults – so do your best to join in as much as possible. The service can be followed in the Mass booklet and hymns are mostly in the dark red hymnbook (the numbers are printed below and displayed on the boards at the front of church).

Our Sunday School meets in the Church Hall for the first part of the service, before joining us in Church for Holy Communion. All children are welcome to attend.



Please make sure your **phones** and other devices are on silent and put away whilst we worship.



A **hearing loop** is in operation in church; please switch your hearing aid to the T position.



If you require a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please inform a steward before the start of the service.



Refreshments are served in the hall after the service; do join us for a drink and chat and, if you are new, make yourself known to us.

Large print service books are available; please ask at the door.

Today's Hymns

Processional: 469

Gradual: 117

Offertory: 288

Communion: 333, 59

Recessional: 399

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 25.1-9

R: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

Luke 21.25-36

Copies of the readings are available for those who would find that helpful; please ask at the door.

Mthr Katy writes...



Today is the beginning of **Advent** and the start of a new year in the Church.

Advent is a season of waiting, expectation and preparation before we celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas. Yes, we are waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus being born as a baby (his incarnation) but we also look ahead to the time when Christ shall come again as judge at the end of time.

Society is, by now, busy celebrating Christmas. Trees are going up; Christmas songs are playing in the shops and on the radio; Christmas parties, concerts, dinners are all taking place. Yet here in church we keep Advent; we wait expectantly. It is a tension that we have to live with but we do so knowing that because we've waited and prepared spiritually for the coming of Christ, our celebrations will be all the more special when we eventually arrive at Christmas!

Notices

The next rota for **reading, leading intercessions, administering the chalice, and serving** at our Sunday worship is now available. If you do any of those things, please take your rota today and keep it safe!



The last **Bake Off** of the year takes place after the service today! Do join us in the hall to see and buy some wonderful cakes!



A big **THANK YOU** to everybody who supported the **Christmas Fair** last week in any way – to organisers, stall holders and everyone who came and spent some money! We raised **£2,273** which is excellent – thank you and well done!



You may be aware that earlier this year new laws came into effect concerning how organisations store and use personal data. These laws also apply to churches and so we are having to put various policies and procedures in place to ensure we comply. As part of this, we need consent to store and use your contact details. Therefore, please complete a **personal details form** and hand it to Mthr Katy or one of the Wardens.



Last week's winner of the **Bonus Ball** was Maggie Wrigley! If you'd like to be in it to win it, please see Samantha or Chris after Mass for more details.



The Social & Fundraising Committee are running a trip to the **Playhouse 2** in Shaw on Monday 10th

December at 7.30 pm to see *Cyrano De Bergerac*, which is a romantic comedy. Tickets are £9. Please see Jenny Workman to secure your place.



You may remember that in September, we held a Macmillan coffee morning. In doing so, we helped Macmillan raise £21,672,817 – so thank you!



Mthr Katy is available, to:

- visit the sick in hospital or at home;
- take Holy Communion to those who are ill or housebound;
- pray with those seeking healing or preparing for an operation;
- anoint the sick;
- administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession);
- carry out house blessings;
- or just to listen.

If you would like any of these, please let her know. Mthr Katy is also happy to visit anyone who would like to get to know her better. If you would like a chat (it doesn't have to be for any particular reason), please invite her!



Bishop David asks that, To protect people from germs and the risk of being exposed to allergens, we all please avoid dipping communion wafers in the wine. He says, “we are becoming increasingly aware of the severe reaction some people have to gluten. As a result, churches are now used to providing gluten-free bread in services of Holy Communion. However, what is often overlooked is that dipping wafers in the wine can introduce gluten which others then drink.

It is already advised nationally that, for reasons of hygiene, the intinction of wafers should be avoided. When a wafer is given into the hands of a communicant, it may become contaminated by germs lying on the skin. Intincting the wafer then introduces those germs directly into the wine; there is also the possibility of finger tips inadvertently dipping into the liquid.

Should a communicant not wish to drink from the chalice, perhaps through having a heavy cold, then he or she may be assured that to receive the sacrament in one kind alone (bread or wine) is to receive the sacrament in its entirety.

For our prayers



The recently baptised:

Maximus Sneyd and
Chester Taylor

Those being baptised this month:

The sick & housebound: Vivian Singh, George Bickerstaff, John Cooper, David Gilmartin, Father Harry Edwards, Kirsty Littleford, Ruth Grace, Antonio Clayton, James Cowan, Eric Sherfield, Anne Whitehead and Jean Winterbottom.



The recently departed:

Emma Guilbert

Years Mind: Herbert Whitehead (3rd), Malcolm William Glenday (3rd), Edith Elizabeth Moss (3rd), Bertha Walsh (4th) and Gwynidd Howard (6th).

Contact Us

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This week, Mthr Katy is taking
Wednesday as her day off.

The week ahead

Today – The First Sunday of Advent

11.00am The Parish Mass

Monday 3rd

7pm The Monday Mass for all ages
8pm Ladies' Circle *at Mavis' home:*
45 Surrey Avenue

Tuesday 4th

5.45pm Brigade: The Martins
7pm Brigade: The YTeam

Wednesday 5th

7pm Brigade: Band
8pm Brigade: JTC and Seniors

Thursday 6th – Nicholas

7.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 7th – Ambrose

10am Said Mass and drop-in

Saturday 8th – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Trip to Grassington Dickensian
Christmas Markets

Sunday 9th - The Second Sunday of Advent

11.00 am The Parish Mass (all-age)

In addition, **Morning Prayer** is said
in Church each day at **7.30 am**
(except on Mthr Katy's day off).
Everybody is welcome.

Please send any items for this sheet
to Mthr Katy by the end of
Thursday.