

Tadcaster Benefice

the churches of St Mary's Tadcaster, St Andrew's Newton Kyme, St Mary's Kirk Fenton & St John the Baptist Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf

Sunday 20th December, 4th Sunday of Advent



Services on Sunday 20th December

- 10am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme with Rev Lucy Brencher
- 4pm 9 Lessons and Carols service at St Mary's, Tadcaster and on zoom*
- 6pm Outdoor Carol Service at St John the Baptist, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf
- 8.30pm Night Prayer on zoom with Tricia West

Christmas Eve

- 4pm Crib service on Zoom and Facebook Live with Steve & Tricia West
- 4pm Crib service in church at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton* with Rev Lucy Brencher
- 11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster*

Christmas Day

- 9am Christmas Communion at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme
- 10am Christmas Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Tadcaster and on zoom/facebook
- 10am Christmas Communion at St Mary's. Church Fenton
- 10.30am Christmas Communion at St John's, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf

There will not be any services on Sunday 27th December.

Sunday 3rd January 2020

- 10am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St John's, Kirkby Wharfe

** Booking a place at these services is essential*

All our Zoom services use

Meeting ID: 9861012744

password 377646

or click the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9861012744>

A reminder - Carol Services on 20th December

We are having a **Benefice 9 Lessons and Carol service on Sunday 20th December at 4pm**. The service will be held from St Mary's Tadcaster and broadcast over zoom and facebook live. **Congregational singing is not allowed in church**. Please contact Rachel to book a place in church if you would like to be in church for the service.

There will also be an **outdoor carol service at St John the Baptist, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf at 6pm on 20th December**. Please wrap up warm and bring a folding chair.

These notices cover the period 20th December 2020 to 3rd January 2021.

The next notices will be sent out by email on Friday 8th January 2021

Diary for 20th December to 31st January 2021 *subject to change if government restrictions change*

Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent	10am, Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme with Rev Lucy 4pm, Benefice 9 Lessons and Carols service on Zoom/facebook live with Rev Lucy 6pm Outdoor Carol Service at St. John's, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf 8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Monday 21 st December	9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom 11am Carol singing at Popple Well Springs
Tuesday 22 nd December	12noon Lucy's Advent course on Zoom 8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 23 rd December	10.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve	11am Quiz on Zoom 4pm Crib Service on Zoom 4pm Crib Service at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton* 11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster
Friday 25th December Christmas Day	9am Christmas Communion at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme 10am Christmas Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Tadcaster and on zoom 10am Christmas Communion at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton 10.30am Christmas Communion at St John's, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf
Sunday 27 th December	<i>*No services*</i>
Tuesday 29 th December	8.30pm Night Prayer
Saturday 2 nd January	11am Coffee Morning on zoom
Sunday 3rd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas	10am Zoom service 10.30am Holy Communion at St John's, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf 8.30pm Night Prayer
Monday 4 th January	9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 5 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 6 th January	10.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton 11.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster
Friday 8 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Saturday 9 th January	11am Coffee Morning on Zoom
Sunday 10th January Epiphany	10am Zoom Family Service 10am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton 4pm Holy Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster 8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Monday 11 th January	9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 12 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 13 th January	10.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton
Friday 15 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Saturday 16 th January	11am Coffee Morning on Zoom
Sunday 17th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	10am Zoom Service 10am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Newton Kyme 8.30pm Night Prayer on zoom
Monday 18 th January	9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 19 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 20 th January	10.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton
Friday 22 nd January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Saturday 23 rd January	11am Coffee Morning on Zoom
Sunday 24th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster 10am Zoom Service 10am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton 8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Monday 25 th January	9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 26 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 27 th January	10.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Kirk Fenton
Friday 29 th January	8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Saturday 30 th January	11am Coffee Morning on Zoom
Sunday 31st January Candlemas	10am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Tadcaster and broadcast on Zoom 8.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom

Thoughts for the weekend

In week three of our Advent course our discussion centred on trust. Of course we all live trusting daily - in professionals, in systems, in family members and friends, and even in the effectiveness of objects we use: we trust our chair will bear our weight, even after several mince pies!

We acknowledged how trust is build up over time and we best trust people with whom we have a deepening relationship. We also agreed that once trust is broken, relationships often suffer. A Danish proverb states: Trust arrives on foot but leaves on horseback.

As people who follow Jesus, we are called to live with integrity. We are also called to say sorry when we get things wrong, and to forgive quickly and focus on starting anew. This way of gracious living is not achieved under our own strength necessarily, but always under the mercy and grace of God. Growing this bond of trust is the joy of belonging to the family of God.

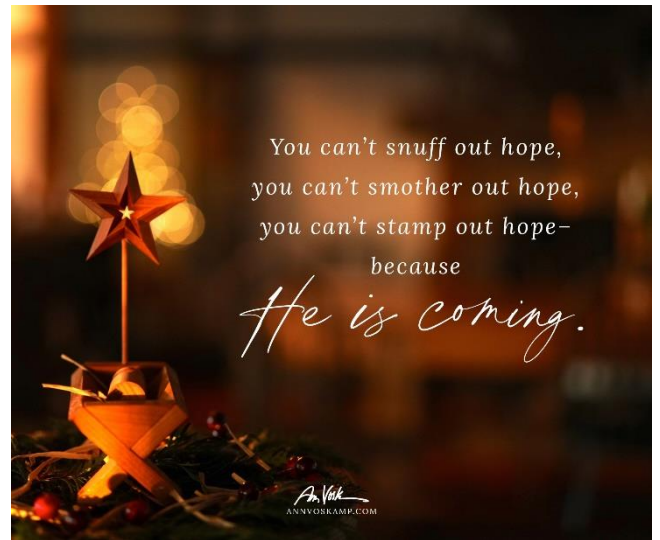
But our discussion went further and rightly highlighted how God entrusts us with the good news of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Bernard of Clairvaux speaks of three comings of Jesus; once at Christmas; once at the second coming; and importantly each and every day as we open our hearts to God's Spirit at work in and through us. Daily God gives us his treasure and as God invests in us we are truly valued. We receive God's affirmation and this frees us from being wholly reliant on the affirmation of others.

We discussed how being trusted by God may provoke us to feel humble, and perhaps unworthy, but it should also awaken in us a sense of responsibility. This Advent is a perfect time to ask ourselves what will we do with that which we have received? God gives us his love; how are we going to share that love in our communities? God gives us hope; how will we message hope to those who are close to despairing? God, in Jesus, came into the mess of life so that he could be with us in our need. How will we come alongside those we know in need?

This week I read an article about Unicef. This 70-year-old Charity has for the first time launched a domestic emergency response in the United Kingdom. A YouGov poll in May found 2.4 million British children living in 'food insecure' households. Unicef has pledged money to the London based community project School Food Matters and aims to provide breakfasts during school holidays for children in need.

The message of Christmas is not just a heart-warming story we revisit each year. It is a reminder that God loves us and we are called to live out of that place of trust and love. We are called to be hope bearers to our hurting world. Let us determine to worship God, respect ourselves, love one another and make good use of our beautiful world.

Rev Lucy



Rev Lucy time off

Rev Lucy will be taking some time off from Saturday 26th December to Saturday 2nd January.

Benefice Office Closure

The Benefice Office will be closed from Saturday 19th December to Monday 4th January as Rachel takes some time off with her children. If you have an urgent problem please contact the churchwarden of your church, the details are available on our website www.stmarystadcaster.co.uk

Carol singing in the community

We are allowed to carol sing outdoors, socially distanced. We have planned to do 2 community carol singing outreach events and we'd love you to join us to carol sing – please contact Rachel to put your name on the carol singing list. Children are very welcome.

- Carol singing to the 'new estate' at Newton Kyme at 5.30pm on Friday 18th December, moving down to the Papyrus Villas estate to sing there at 6pm.
- Carol singing for the residents at Popple Well Springs on Monday 21st December at 11am.

A thank you from Peter Hodgson

Peter asked me to pass a message to all:

'I was deeply touched by the warm reaction to the announcement of my retirement and the clear reminder of the bonds of friendship built up over many years that will never fade.' *Peter*

Moving on...

Many of you will remember Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett, who was our curate in the Tadcaster Benefice until she moved on to serve as vicar of St Luke's, Burton Stone Lane, York.

Jackie has just been appointed as priest-in-charge of the Derwent Ings Benefice (the parishes of Elvington, Sutton on Derwent with East Cottingworth, Thorganby and Wheldrake) and will be leaving St Luke's at the beginning of February. Please pray for Jackie & Dave in this time of transition, for St Luke's as she leaves them and the Derwent Ings Benefice as they await her arrival.

Mistletoe

If you would like some mistletoe please get in contact with Rita Raggett, who has an abundance in her garden.

Supporting your church financially

You may wish to set up with your bank a regular standing order to donate or make a one off donation. The bank details for the churches are:

St Mary's, Tadcaster <i>(Use Tadcaster PCC for bank account name)</i> Sort code: 40-44-01 Account number: 40800236	St Andrew's, Newton Kyme Sort code: 55-81-11 Account number: 03604608
St John the Baptist, Kirkby Wharfe & Ulleskelf Sort Code: 60-21-13 Account number: 52078361	St Mary's, Kirk Fenton <i>(Use St Mary's Parochial Church Council Church Fenton)</i> Sort Code: 40-41-45 Account number: 71459309

St Mary's Tadcaster also have an online giving platform:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b1885189-18db-49f4-9887-0090ab23929e>

or use the camera on your mobile phone to scan the QR code:



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