

PEW SHEET Sunday, December 5th 2021 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion
Homily: Miss Catherine Gibson
9.15am Family Service
Homily: Fr Alex
10.45am Sung Mass
Homily: Miss Catherine Gibson
3.00pm The Choir sings an Advent Service at FEWSTON Church. All welcome

If you would like to attend the Crib Service on Christmas Eve book your place(s) now at <u>bit.ly/ilkleycrib</u>. Speak to Vickie if you are not online!

10.45AM SUNG MASS

Mass Setting Lotti: Missa brevis in E flat

Opening Hymn 12

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading Malachi 3. 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm/Canticle Benedictus SOPRANO ALTO TENOR BASS

- Blessèd be the Lord the | God of | Isra el, who has come to his | people and | set them | free.
- 2. He has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour, born of the | house of [·] his | servant | David.
- 3. Through his holy prophets God | promised · of | old to save us from our enemies, from the | hands of | all that | hate us,
- 4. To show | mercy · to our | ancestors, and to re | member · his | holy covenant.
- 5. This was the oath God swore to our | father | Abraham: to set us free from the | hands [·] of our | enemies,

- 6. Free to | worship | him with out | fear,holy and righteous in his sight | all the | days of our | life.
- 7. And you, child, shall be called the | prophet ⁻ of the Most | High, for you will go before the Lord | to pre ⁻ pare his | way,
- 8. To give his people knowledge | of sal- | vation by the forgiveness of | all their | sins.
- 9. In the tender com- | passion of ' our | God_ the dawn from on | high shall | break u-| pon us,
- 10. To shine on those who dwell in | darkness · and the | shadow · of | death, and to guide our | feet in · to the | way of | peace.

Gospel Acclamation 'Populus Sion'

Peoples, behold your Lord, See, he comes to save us all. Hear now his glorious voice, Open up your hearts with joy. Allelulia

Gospel Reading Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Homily	Miss Catherine Gibson
Offertory Hymn	7
Communion Anthem	Palestrina: Rorate cœli
Communion Hymn	294

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude Gibbons: Fantasia

Do please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for refreshments.

3.00pm The Choir sings an Advent Service at FEWSTON Church. All welcome

In our Prayers

Herbert Charles Phillips, Nancy White, Barbara France,
Peggy Butterfield
Gladys Baker, Arthur Hewitt, Marion Twigg, Marjorie Anson
Brian Whittam
Dorothy Beanlands, Leonard Hardaker (Pr), David Chary
Ron Gill
Mary West, James Bateman, Bob Morgan

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Anna-Karin, Christine Atkinson, Thomas Harrison, Jenny Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Anna Lickley, Charlotte Lockhart, David Scottow, Peter Waterhouse, Oliver Whittaker.

Please contact Fr Alex or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

THIS WEEK

Services This Week

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Friday at 7.45am Evening Prayer: Tuesday to Friday at 5.15pm Midweek Mass on Tuesday: at 6.15pm Midweek Mass on Thursday: at 11.00am followed by coffee and social time in the Parish Hall

Thursday, December 9th: The **Churches Together in Ilkley AGM** takes place in the sanctuary area at Christchurch, at 7.30pm to include AGM business, the installation of the Rev Roberta Topham as the next Moderator, the election of other officers, and presentation of accounts. In addition, Fr Alex and the Rev Adam Roebuck, Curate at All Saints', will each give a short talk.

Friday, December 10th: Playtime takes place in the Parish Hall at 9.30am. The children perform the Nativity at 11.00am (ish). All welcome. This is the last playtime of term. We return on Friday, January 7th.

Cant and Dec rehearse at 6.15pm, **SMS** rehearse at 7.00pm and the **church choir** rehearse together at 7.45pm – 9.00pm.

Servers' Training – Saturday, December 11th at 4.00 pm

We're delighted that more people are volunteering to join our serving team for the Sung Mass. We're running a session on Saturday, December 11th at 4.00 pm at which we'll look at each role in detail, and produce a handy servers' booklet with everything written down clearly. If you'd like to join in, you'd be very welcome – the more, the merrier! We'll end with a trip to the pub, to ensure we're all in good spirits... Please speak to Fr Alex for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion Homily: Fr Alex
9.15am Family Mass Homily: Fr Alex
10.45am Sung Mass
Homily: Revd Isobel Rathbone
6.30pm Choral Evensong Homily: Fr Alex

The **Mothers' Union** Christmas Stall and raffle takes place in the Parish Hall following the Family Mass and Sung Mass.

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Monday, December 13th: On Monday morning a rehearsal takes place in church for Ilkley Grammar School's Christmas Carol Service and Concert for students and parents. The service takes place at 6.30pm. Christopher Rathbone accompanies on the organ.

Friday, December 17th: Cant and Dec rehearse at 6.15pm, SMS rehearse at 7.00pm (no Social Time, but a short refreshment break at 7.15pm) and the church choir rehearse together at 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

DIARY DATES

Details of our Christmas Services can be found on the back page

Carol Singing on The Grove

Saturday, December 18th: Members of the choir will be carol singing on The Grove at 10.30am. Singers – please arrive by 10.20am. If you would like to take part and join our choirs please get in touch with Vickie at <u>stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com</u> Please come along to support them.

Sunday, December 19th: Fr Bernard's 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood falls on Sunday, December 19th. He will be preaching at the Sung Mass. You are all invited to share in wine and nibbles in the Parish Hall following the service.

NOTICES

Fr Alex led the Advent service and dressing of the tree in Sacred Heart Primary School (which Josie, Evie, and Maddie attend) on Friday, December 3rd. We're really pleased to have the opportunity to share in ministry with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in this way, and look forward to working more closely together in the future.

Christingle collection for The Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christingle Service – the industrious band of Christingle makers, the singers, helpers and last-minute snow-clearers. Also to everyone who donated to the collection for The Children's Society. We will be able to pass on £138.42 including Gift Aid.

Weekly Envelope Givers

Boxes of weekly envelopes for 2022 will be available to pick up from the back of church this Sunday, 5th December. If you have any queries or would like them posted to you, please contact Alison Stretton on 430024. Thank you.

Do you want to understand the Bible?

Help is at hand – if you join *Bible Reading Notes (published by Bible Reading Fellowship Notes)*. Take a look at the sample copy at the back of church. The cost is £15 for a whole year of notes starting in May next year. Just put a cheque or cash in an envelope and give it to Betty Gribbin or Fr Bernard by January 9th. Present subscribers – please make your payment by January 9th.

A message from the Deanery

Living in faith and love: This church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Our deanery is running another course in the New Year, **five weeks online**, **Thursday evenings**, **7.30-9.00pm**, **starting on 6th January**. Peter Willox, Vicar at Ben Rhydding is coordinating it. If you are interested in attending or knowing more please contact him on <u>peterwillox@benrhydding.org.uk</u>. Also for more information online visit <u>About Living in Love and Faith | The Church of England</u>

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Booking essential for the Crib Service Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Owing to the Covid situation this winter, we need to set a limit on the size of the congregation at this very popular service, and we ask that you reserve a place online. You can book at bit.ly/ilkleycrib. Attendance is completely free. You will not need to show your ticket at church. If you are unable to book online and would like to attend the service please get in touch with Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com or on 01943 607015.