

Prayers for Today



The Diocesan Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

Renew us as we make your love known;

Release us to share freely together in mission; and

Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and Compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for Fourth Sunday in Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Collect

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will and with her rejoice in your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Extra extra ...

Collect for Christmas Eve

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light
of salvation:

give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post Communion Collect

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us
again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our
hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen

Collect for Christmas Day

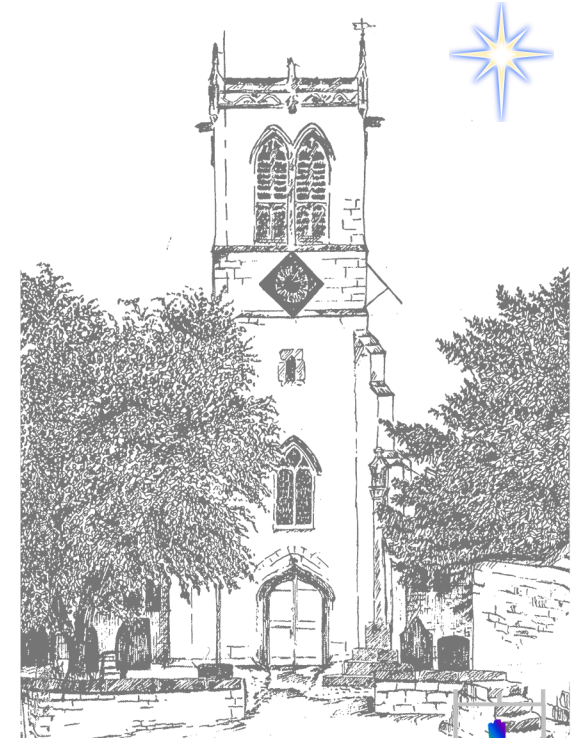
Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Post Communion Collect

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Church 22nd December 2024



Worshipping God—Welcoming All

Today's Service

Thought for the day:

**"This isn't just food,
this is
Mary & Saviour food"**

M&S

Today's Readings

Micah 5.2 - 5a
Pew Bible Page 790
(The Old Testament)

Gospel
Luke 1.39 - 45
Pew Bible Page 53
(The New Testament)

*Next week's readings will be:
Colossians 3.12-17 & Luke 2.41-52*

Notices



The Foodbank - as we move into the new year please help us to continue to support the Doncaster food bank. Please watch the sell by dates. In addition at this time of the year knitted items are also welcome, for children and adults - hats, scarfs, gloves etc Thank you all for your continued support.

Christmas Eve - Crib Services We need volunteers to help at the three services. Helping with Costumes, tidying and a warm welcome. Please speak to Amanda or sign up sheet at back if you can help. Service times: 2.30/4.00/5.30pm.

Thank You

Gifts - Thank you for generously supporting our Doncaster Children's Services Trust Toys appeal. Also, Cheswold Hospital gifts for adults.

Events - Thank you to the Events Team for organising the Christmas Fayre and display of trees in Church. Not forgetting the volunteers and everyone who attended and helped us raise over £2,000 for the Church.

Jigsaw Library Patrons - Thank you for the monies raised and donated to St Mary's Church over the last year.

Newsletter - News

From January there will not necessarily be a weekly newsletter. However, we have a kind volunteer who is going to attempt in maintaining this weekly missive! To help him, newsletter notices must be received no later than a Wednesday evening by email to: tvr32s@btinternet.com Next newsletter will be for Sunday 12th Jan.

What's On



The Stable—Every Tuesday 9.45-11.30am Coffee, cake & chat, it will be nice to see you. Monies raised for the Stable Renovation Fund - **Closed 24th & 31st December.**

Forget Me Not Café- First Tuesday of the month in the **Church Hall** **1.30-3.30pm** - All welcome



Jigsaw Library Second Thursday of the month. An opportunity to borrow a jigsaw and have a coffee with friends in The Stable. **NEW TIME 10.30am-1.30pm**

Craft-antics - 10am-3.00pm
The Stable Third Friday of the month, just bring a packed lunch, or drop in when you want. A craft & chat.



Mothers' Union 7.30-9.30pm
Meetings **Third Monday** of each month in The Stable. If you would like more details or to join, please speak to Helen.

Informal meeting of our **male parishioners in the Ivanhoe at 7.30pm** **Third Monday** of each month.



The Ecumenical Bible Study Group - Fortnightly study of 2.00-3.30pm - *Copley House, Park Drive* -speak to Betty for more details.

Prayer Chapel

Please do visit the prayer station in the Chapel which is focusing on Advent at this busy time - a bit of calm.

