

Prayers for Today

Candle-lighting Prayers for Advent



Hope

Dear God,
As we begin our Advent pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.
Hope for your presence,
Hope for your peace,
Hope for your promise. Amen.



Advent Prayer station: 'Waiting well - Travelling through advent with Mary, Mother of God' Advent is a period of waiting and

preparing our hearts for celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. But with such a busy festive season, how might we wait well? Each week during this Advent season our prayer station will help us to reflect on aspects of Mary's character and journey that helped her to wait well upon God.

Collect for Sunday 3rd December

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Post Communion Collect

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

Prayer



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

Who's Who in brief...

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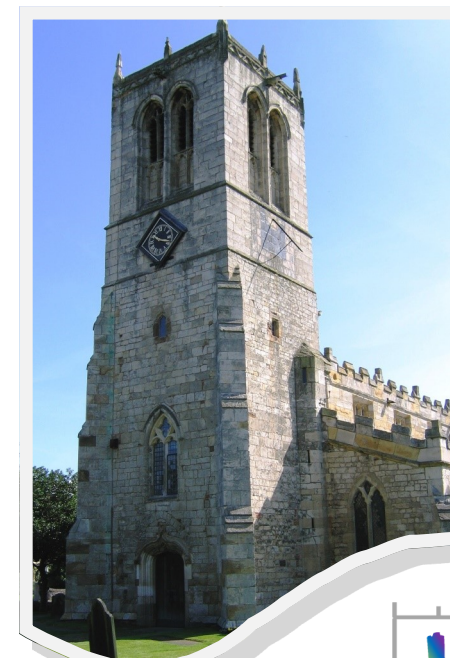
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**Any notices for the newsletter please let Rachel know before midday on a Thursday
Closed from Fri 22nd Dec - 4th January 2024 inc**

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Church 3rd December 2023



Worshipping God—Welcoming All

Today's Service

Thought for the day:

It's an adventure following Jesus



Today's Readings

Isaiah 64.1-9

Pew Bible Page 631
(The Old Testament)

Gospel

Mark 13.24-37

Pew Bible Page 47
(The New Testament)

*Next week's readings will be:
Isaiah 40.1-11 & Mark 1.1-8*

Notices

Christmas gifts for Cheswold Park Hospital - gifts for adult males & females - smellies, chocolates, puzzle books, socks, hats, gloves, scarves .. Gifts have to be 'safe' No alcohol or aerosols and without staples or metal spiral binding. It would be great if you could bring them along to church unwrapped.



Doncaster Children's Services Trust - Toy Appeal - We are still collecting NEW toys for children (all ages inc teenagers) on **Sunday 10th December** - our **All-Age Christingle Service**.

Collecting Stamps for RNIB - the last weigh in raised £29.79 - thank you. Please see poster on our noticeboard for more info. As Christmas cards land through our post boxes, what a great opportunity to save those stamps and pop them in the collection box here in Church.

R N I B
See differently



Christmas Eve - Crib Services We need volunteers to help at the three services. Helping with costumes and a warm welcome. Please speak to Amanda if you can help. Service times: 2.30/4.00/5.30pm.

Christmas cards

The post box is out to collect your cards, save writing lots of cards and send one to all your Church family. Also the money saved from buying lots of cards you might want to donate to Embrace - just pop in the card. Thank you.



Foodbank - see poster on notice board - please help us to help local families.



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 26th Dec/2nd Jan for the holiday)

Forget Me Not Café -

First Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall - 1.30-3.30pm



Jigsaw Library Second Thursday of the month. An opportunity to borrow a jigsaw and have a coffee with friends in The Stable 1.00pm-3.00pm

Craft-antics - 10am-4.00pm

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 Harwood

Singing Group - Church Hall most Wednesday's 11.15am.



150ft Indoor Charity

Abseil
By Sophia & Derek



20th January 2024 -
Magna Science Adventure Centre

See posters & sponsorship forms - Abseil being undertaken to raise money for the Stable roof!