

NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday, 8th December, 8.00 p.m. – Young Adults Club (YAK) meets at the Bay Horse

Thursday, 10th December, 7.30 p.m. - Christmas Meditation
Thursday Group/Mothers' Union/Men's Society

Friday 11th December 7.30pm - Chanticleer Carols in Church *launching the Christmas Tree Festival ! Tickets from Judy Short, Tel: 473769.*

Sunday, 13th December, 2.00 p.m. – Stape Band Concert

Christmas Day Lunch: We are holding our Christmas Day Lunch again. If you know of anyone on their own who would enjoy the company of others, please let us know as it is essential to book a place as soon as possible. If anyone would like to help between 12.00 and 3.00 p.m. or would like more information, please let Janet and David know on 01751 472201.

Christmas Tree Festival - Volunteers needed, please

The 'Light for Christmas' Tree will be erected and decorated on Saturday 5th December in readiness for the service of dedication on Sunday 6th December at 3.30pm **Help is needed during the morning and afternoon to help with this task.**

Valerie Batchelor has volunteered to co-ordinate the refreshments to be provided after the Light for Christmas service. Please contact her directly if you can help. The smaller trees sponsored and decorated by local schools, businesses and voluntary organisations will be delivered on Tuesday morning, 8th December. **Help is needed during the day to unpack and erect these 28 trees.**

Stewarding Volunteers are needed to steward from Tuesday 15th December until Wednesday 23rd December. This involves just handing out Festival brochures and accepting donations. Full details will be given to all volunteers. Brenda Beal and her team have volunteered to steward on the 12th and 14th December when refreshments will also be provided.

If you are able to help in any way please could you indicate in what capacity you can help **by signing the sheets at the back of the church.**

If you need further information please contact Judy Short: tel: 473769.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Judy Short

Tuesday 26th January at 11.00am – Consecration of The Bishop of Whitby in York Minster. Tickets are now available and if you would like to attend, please send a self-addressed envelope and letter saying how many tickets you would like to: *Peter Warry, Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan House, Aviator Court, Clifton Moor, York YO30 4WJ by Monday, 21st December* Depending on interest, ticket numbers may be limited, so please only apply for the number of tickets you would like to use. Clergy should indicate if they intend robing.

After the service there will be a retiring collection for the York Diocese Social Care Fund. This fund helps community projects in the Diocese, giving preference to supporting new initiatives, providing 'seedcorn' money during the early and often most vulnerable stages of development. Money for the fund comes from **YOU**.

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Sunday, 6th December
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At 8am the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Second Sunday in Advent will be found in the Prayer Book . At 10am we use the printed Order of Service with the following Prayers, Psalm & Readings.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, 6th December

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Lockton
3.30 p.m. Light for Life Service

Wednesday, 9th December

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
12.15 p.m. Funeral Service for Douglas Deas-Smith

Thursday, 10th December

12 noon Funeral Service for Evelyn Smithson

Sunday, 13th December

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Levisham
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
No Family Service
6.00 p.m. Church Carol Service

INTERCESSIONS

The Sick: Please pray for healing and comfort for all who are sick including Paul Brearley and baby Chloe

Together with those who have lit candles we pray for Mimi and Anne

The Departed: We remember those who have recently died including Douglas Deas-Smith and Evelyn Smithson, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Frank Lane, David Evans, Edward Small and Ida Schwarz

All our visitors are warmly invited to join the regular congregation for coffee after the 10 o'clock service.

Until further notice the compilation of this pew sheet will be co-ordinated by Valerie Batchelor (Tel.475758) and Hazel Page (Tel.476915). Please let one of them have any notices for insertion by Wednesday of each week

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

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

Benedictus



Response: 'He has raised up for us a mighty saviour'

1. Blessed be the Lord the | God of Israel, who has come to his people and | set them free. He has raised up for us a | mighty Saviour, born of the house of his | servant David. **R**
2. Through his holy prophets God pro | mised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of | all that hate us, to show mercy | to our ancestors, and to remember his | holy covenant. **R**
3. This was the oath God swore to our | father Abraham: to set us free from the hands | of our enemies, free to worship him | without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days | of our life. **R**
4. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre | pare his way, to give his people knowledge | of salvation by the forgiveness of | all their sins. **R**
5. In the tender compassion | of our God the dawn from on high shall | break upon us to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the sha | dow of death and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. **R**

Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: 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.'"

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.

Dear all,

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> Peter Warry

> Diocesan Secretary

> Diocesan House

> Aviator Court

> Clifton Moor

> York

> YO30 4WJ

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> Tickets are available for both clergy and lay people - please let us
> know how many of the tickets are for clergy (who will robe) and how many
> are for lay people. Depending on interest, ticket numbers may be
> limited, so please only apply for the number of tickets you would like
> to use. Please send us your request by Monday 21st December, as we
> won't be able to send tickets after this date.