

## INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:-

- **the sick, and those who care for them** including Fiona Rose and Pip Asquith
- **those who have lit candles and those for whom candles have been lit**
- **those who have recently died** including Brenda Mary Sleightholme, Sandra Hopkinson and Mavis Jackson-Gould
- **those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Donald Campbell, Dorothy Tindall, Charles Forster (Priest), Eric Batchelor, Frank Lane, David Evans and Edward Small.

## NOTICES

**Christmas Fair, Saturday 8th December, 2 'til 4pm**

Come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon!

We still need your donations please: Bottles, Chocolates and Homemade cakes. Please bring items either to the Church from 11am on Saturday 8th or on Friday 7th to Ali at 2 Willowgate. (476395). Thank You.

**Unloved and Unwanted Jewellery Items** - Do you have any unwanted jewellery which I could resell at the Christmas Fair? If you do, would you let me have it by Sunday, 2nd December, please. Many thanks. *Gill.*

**Help needed, please** ....There is a list at the back of the church for people to sign for sides duty at the Christmas services. Please look and see if you can help for any of them. We would be most grateful. *Pam and Val*

**Monday Coffee Morning** each week in church from 10am till 12 noon. Home made scones and cake, tea/coffee and good company. All welcome

### Food Bank

As a church, we have been specifically asked to contribute meat and mash/tinned potatoes, although other donations are always welcome. In addition, at this time of the year, a request has been made for children's woolly hats, scarves, gloves and hot water bottles. Look for the green Food Bank box, which is usually at the back of the church on Sundays. At other times it can be found in the vestry.

**Nativity Christmas Cards** This year we are running a competition with the Infant and Junior schools to design Nativity Christmas cards which will have on sale at our Christmas Fair. *Please look out for these and help support your Church by purchasing your cards with us.*

**Volunteers needed, please,** to take down The Christmas Tree on the 4 January 2019 to give way for the electrical contractors. If you can help that would be marvellous. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Please place your names on the list at the rear of the Church.

**Volunteer(s) for Parish Hall Chairman and Bookings coordinator** required for January 2019. Volunteers to submit their interest to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, Lesley Jaram.

**100 Club** Join now to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize next month. Subscriptions are now being collected for 2019. Forms are available from David Billett and Ali Holmes.

# PICKERING Parish Church



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## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

### SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

At 8 o'clock the readings for the First Sunday in Advent can be found in the Prayer Book. At 10 o'clock we use the printed service booklet.

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

3.30 pm A Light for Christmas

**NO EVENSONG**

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

12.30 pm Funeral of Sandra Hopkinson

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**

11.00 am Funeral of Mavis Jackson-Gould

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.00 am Holy Communion at *Levisham*

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

10.30 am Holy Communion at *Lockton*

6.00 pm Parish Church Carol Service

*Please have a word with a sidesperson before the service if you require a gluten free wafer*



*Please send any notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to Valerie Batchelor (475295, email: [vjb39@outlook.com](mailto:vjb39@outlook.com))*

*or Hazel Page (476915, email: [dunvicaring@btinternet.com](mailto:dunvicaring@btinternet.com))*

## READINGS AND PROPERS

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### *First Reading: Jeremiah 33. 14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### *Psalm 25*

*Response: In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.  
R

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. R

Remember, Lord, your compassion and lo for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. R

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. R

### *Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### *Gospel: Luke 21. 25-36*

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### *Post Communion Prayer*

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**