

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:-

- the sick, and those who care for them including Fiona Rose and Alan Beecroft
- those who have lit candles and those for whom candles have been lit
- those who have recently died including Pip Asquith and Ged Ellis
- those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Arthur Bowns, Lesley Bielby, Wynn Moore, Jeffrey Parrison, Ivy Lord, Harry Smaller and Grace Smith

NOTICES

Christingle making session

Help needed, please, to assemble 230 Christingles **today, Sunday, 23rd December** at the back of the church at 2.30 pm
Thanks. *Karen Hogg*



100 Club Subscriptions for current and new members are now being collected for 2019 and, ideally, need to be paid before the end of the year. Please have a word with David Billett or Ali Holmes.

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.



Please send any notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to Valerie Batchelor (475295, email: vjb39@outlook.com) or Hazel Page (476915, email: dunvicaring@btinternet.com)

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 2018

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

Sunday, 23rd December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm Carol Service at *Levisham*
NO EVENSONG

Monday, 24th December

Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Christingle Service
6.00 pm Christmas Communion at *Lockton*
9.00 pm Christmas Communion at *Marishes*
11.30 pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight

Tuesday, 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.00 am Christmas Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
with the Bishop of Whitby

Wednesday, 26th December

St. Stephen, Deacon and first Martyr

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm Evensong

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

Children's Society

We thank the Rev Rodney Nicolson for attending our service and acknowledge the work that is being carried out by the Children's Society.

A display from the Children's Society is at the back of Church. If you would like to contribute please either, opt for a household box from Gail Radka or donate loose change in the collection box available at the back of Church or finally give via the Christingle Service where the collection is given to the Society.



READINGS AND PROPERS

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Micah 5. 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be
great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Magnificat

Response: *The Almighty has done great things
for me and holy is his name*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my
spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked
with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all
generations will call me blessed; R

the Almighty has done great things for me and holy
is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation. R

He has shown strength with his arm and has
scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down
the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the
lowly. R

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent
the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his
servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy.
The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham
and his children for ever. R

Second Reading: Hebrews 10. 5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your
will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me.)
When he said above, 'You have neither desired
nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and
burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are
offered according to the law), then he added,
'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes
the first in order to establish the second. And it is
by God's will that we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1. 39-45 [46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to
a Judean town in the hill country, where she
entered the house of Zechariah and greeted
Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a
loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has
this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord
comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of
your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.
And blessed is she who believed that there would
be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the
Lord.'

Post Communion Prayer

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**