

# This Week's Notices

## Bible Study Group

We next meet on Friday, 28th November at 2pm in the Choir Vestry

## Churches Together

The Crib Blessing will be on Saturday 29th November at 3pm as part of the St Annes Lights Switch on event.

Come along to Victoria Hotel on Monday 15th December at 6.30pm and join in St Annes sings Christmas,

## Christmas Tree Festival—Wreaths

Wreath forms are available from the back of church and in the office at last years price of only £13. I'm not available for the next two weekends so if you are returning one in Church, Gill Streatfield has volunteered to take it off your hands. Please have the correct money. Peter Duke,

## Christmas Tree Festival Appeal

Susan McMahon would appreciate donations for her bottle stall, including bottles of drinks, sauces and toiletries etc., and cans, eg beer and soft drinks, but no food cans thank you. Pam Kinghorn and Lesley Dawson would also appreciate contributions to their chocolate/sweet and biscuit tombola.

If you are able to provide a cake, homemade or bought, or supply preserves please speak to Jennifer Oldfield.

Any contributions of crafts would be greatly received for the Craft Stall. Please see Jenny Edwards. If you would like to help on the craft stall, please sign the list at the back of church, Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Tree Refreshments

Donations of shop bought mince pies to be served during the Tree Festival would be gratefully received. These can be left in church or in the Parish Office. Please check the sell by date on the packets. The tree festival runs from Saturday 13th December to Saturday 20th December.

## Grand Draw - Be in it to win it!

Take a Grand Draw envelope - write name and phone number on front - Pop £1 inside - seal - and post in the Grand Draw box on the back table. Get all your friends to do the same - you could win £150 - or one of many other magnificent prizes!

## Christmas Cards

Church Christmas cards are now available to purchase. A pack costs £5 and contains 8 cards & envelopes. These are available in church from Susan McMahon or you can contact her on 01253 723280 to arrange collection or delivery. All profits go to church funds. Your support is greatly appreciated

## Food Bank

Howard Gent & myself, Diane Glistler would like to invite the congregation to donate cash to us, so that we can supply Christmas goodies and food for the Christmas period for families struggling to make ends meet, especially over the Christmas period at Heyhouses School. We will be buying the Christmas goods around 10th December as they break up on 19th December.

## Parish Dinner

The Parish Dinner is now booked for Friday, 30th January 2026. We have managed to keep the cost down to £35 a head for a 3 course meal and tea/coffee. The Glendower are very good at catering for any dietary requirements. If you would like to join us please give your name and £10 non refundable deposit to Pam Kinghorn. Thank you. Pam

If you are unable to go to the altar to receive your Holy Communion or a blessing, then please speak to a sidesperson who will arrange for you to receive in your pew.



**NOTICES for next Sunday's Pew Sheet should be with the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY NOON at the latest. Notices handed in after this may not be included.**

## CONTACTS

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# Welcome



**St Annes Parish Church**  
**Sunday 23rd December**  
**Christ the King**

## Our Worship & Diary for this Week

|                  |                                             |                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | <b>Parish Mass &amp; Holy Baptism</b>       | <b>10.30 am</b>               |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Low Mass</b>                             | <b>12 noon</b>                |
|                  | <i>Mothers' Union</i>                       |                               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily</b>     | <b>10.30 am</b>               |
|                  | St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr | <i>Holy Women Martyrs</i>     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Low Mass</b>                             | <b>9.00 am</b>                |
|                  |                                             | <i>Peace in our World</i>     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Low Mass</b>                             | <b>6.00 pm</b>                |
|                  | <b>Choir Practice</b>                       | <b>7.00 pm</b>                |
|                  |                                             | <i>Conservationists</i>       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Low Mass - Cell Mass</b>                 | <b>9.30 am</b>                |
|                  |                                             | <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>No Mass</b>                              |                               |

## Services & Readings for Next Sunday

**Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday**  
**Morning:** First Reading - Isaiah 2: 1 - 5  
Second - Romans 13: 11 - 14  
Gospel - Matthew 24: 36 - 44

**Evening** See separate sheet - Advent Carol Service

You are all very welcome to join us for tea & coffee after the service. This is served at the back of church.

## Collections & Donations

A collection is taken during the service, but if you prefer you can make an offering or donation up to £20 via text  
Text SAPC (amount) to 70085, eg SAPC05 for £5  
For cash on the Collection Plate, taxpayers please use the yellow Gift Aid envelope.

# Collect & Readings for Today

**Hymn** 199, Christ Triumphant

**Kyrie & Gloria** See order of Service

## Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**Second Reading** *Colossians 1: 11 - 20*

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Gradual Hymn** 498, Jesus shall reign

**Gospel** *Luke 23: 33 - 43*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King

of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

**Offertory Hymn** 200, Crown him with

**Sanctus & Agnus Dei** See order of Service

**Communion Hymns** 393, O bread of heaven  
489 In the cross of Christ

**Motet** Sicut cervus, - Palestrina

## Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Angelus

**Dismissal Hymn** 483 - How shall I sing

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We warmly welcome you all here today.

Please do introduce yourself after the service or complete the card in the pew and hand to one of our sidespersons. Please don't worry if children make a little noise, there are toy bags at the back of church for the younger children and you can always use the choir vestry, where there are books and toys.

For older children (4+) there is a liturgy bag. This contains a child friendly service booklet with activities linked to different parts of the service.

Toilets and changing facilities are available through the choir vestry at the back of church. Our churchwarden or sidepersons are here to help, so please ask.

## For Our Prayers

### Those who are Sick or in Particular Need:

Ben Akrell, Patrica Andrews, Angela Armit, Tessa Bebbington, Ashleigh Broadbridge, Alison Cross, Muriel Driscoll, Justine Eadie, Jean Eaves, Michael Harris, Marian Hopper, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, Cathy Picken, Sheila Pinches, Deborah Pincock, Ian Reece, Brian Rose, Rebecca Stuart, Terry Sutton, Brenda Underwood, Jayne Weaver, Jan, Thomas, and Maurice

### Long Term Sick and Housebound:

Ann Currie, Winston Atkinson, Rita Fletcher, Ann Hazard, Jan Hood, Paul Hodgson, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson.

### The Recently Departed:

Alan Bracewell, Nicky Davis, Sandra Dilworth, Wendy Malloy, Ashley Wilson

### Please also remember:

Nicole and Liliana Rae who will be baptised today