

This Week's Notices

Churches Together

St Annes Sings Christmas - Monday 15th December - 6.30pm at the Victoria Hotel, Church Road
All Welcome

Influence Magazine

Please send all contributions for the New Year edition of the magazine to the Editor by 22nd December. Thank you.

Sunday School

Sunday School meets on Sunday. This is our last meeting before Christmas. As we were unable to celebrate after the presentations in July we will be having a small gathering with cakes and biscuits at the end of the service. Sunday School will meet again on Sunday 11th January 2026

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!

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

Recycling Home Printer Cartridges - Girlguiding Kilgrimol Centre

We are collecting empty printer cartridges for the local Girlguides. Please bring any empty cartridges into The Parish Office and we shall pass them on in order to support this local charity. Thank you

Christmas Tree Festival - 13th - 20th December
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Lidun Singers - 13th December at 7.00pm £10 per head with refreshments included.

Heyhouses Community Choir - 7.00pm £10 per person refreshments included. U18's free.

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.

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Welcome



St Annes Parish Church
Sunday, 14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Our Worship & Diary for this Week

Today	Parish Mass Sunday School	10.30 am 10.15 am
	<i>Those who have lost faith</i>	
Monday	Low Mass	12.00 noon
	<i>Difficult situations</i>	
Tuesday	Holy Communion & Homily (BCP) Mayors Carol Service	10.30 am 7.00 pm
	<i>God's sign</i>	
Wednesday O Sapientia	Low Mass	9.00 am
	<i>God's wisdom</i>	
Thursday O Adonai	No Mass Choir Practice	7.00 pm
	<i>God is Lord</i>	
Friday O Radix Jesse	Low Mass Heyhouses Community Choir Concert	9.30 am 7.00 pm
	<i>God's key to heaven</i>	
Saturday O Clavis David	No service	

Services & Readings for Next Sunday

Sunday, 21st December 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Parish Mass - 10.30 am
Nine Lessons & Carols - 6.30 pm

Morning: First Reading - Isaiah 7:10 - 16
Second - Romans 1:1 - 7
Gospel - Matthew 1:18 - 25

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 620, The Kingdom of God

Kyrie See order of Service

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1 - 10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Second Reading *James 5:7 - 10*

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gradual Hymn 13, O Child of promise

Gospel *Matthew 11:2 - 11*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who

wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Offertory Hymn 8, Hills of the North

Sanctus & Agnus Dei See order of service

Communion Hymns 4, Earth was waiting
19, The advent of our God

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

The Angelus

Dismissal Hymn 5, Hark a herald voice



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 younger children and you can always use the choir vestry where there are books & toys.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN (4+), THERE ARE LITURGY BAGS. THE BAGS CONTAIN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE BOOKLET WITH ACTIVITIES LINKED TO THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SERVICE

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

For Our Prayers

Those who are Sick or in Particular Need

Ben Akrill, Patrica Andrews, Angela Armit, Tessa Bebbington, Ashleigh Broadbridge, Alison Cross, Muriel Driscoll, Justine Eadie, 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, Christine Whelan, Jan, Thomas, and Maurice

Long Term Sick and Housebound:

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

The recently departed:

Ann Currie