

NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

INTERCESSIONS

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

We pray for those who have lit candles and those for whom candles have been lit

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: Janet Mackwood, Harold Pearson and Alistair Roberts

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

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

Stewarding: There are still some spaces to fill for stewarding during the Festival. This involves just handing out Festival brochures and accepting donations. Full details will be given to all volunteers. If you are able to help please **sign up at the back of the church** and if you need further information contact Judy Short: tel: 473769. Many thanks in anticipation.
Judy Short

Consecration of The Bishop of Whitby in York Minster - Tuesday 26th January at 11.00am – 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.

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

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Sunday, 13th December
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At 8am the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Third 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, 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

Tuesday, 15th December

6.00 p.m. Junior School Carol Service

Wednesday, 16th December

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Town Carol Service

Thursday, 17th December

2.00 p.m. Infant School Carol Service

Sunday, 20th December *Advent 4*

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
3.00 p.m. Christingle Service at Lockton
6.00 p.m. Carol Service at Marishes
7.00 p.m. Carol Service at Levisham

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. **Amen**

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.


I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Isaiah 12: 2 - 6

Response
v. 3a

Andrew Moore

With joy you will draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion.

A musical score for a response in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'With joy you will draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion.' The melody features a triplet of eighth notes on 'wa - ter' and another triplet on 'sal - va - tion'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Response: 'With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation'

Surely God is | my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid, for the Lord
God is my strength | and my might; he has become | my salvation. **R**

With joy you will draw water from the wells | of salvation. And you will say |
in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call | on his name; make known his
deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name | is exalted. **R**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he | has done gloriously; let this be known in |
all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion, for great in your
midst is the Holy | One of Israel. **R**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:: 4 - 7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 3: 7 - 18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?'

In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'

Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'

Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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. **Amen**