

NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

Friday 4th December 7.30pm - The York Waits at Christmas. In this church.
Tickets from Tourist Information Office. (See Pews News).

Sunday 6th December 3.30pm - A Light for Christmas

Friday 11th December 7.30pm - Chanticleer Carols in Church launching the Christmas Tree Festival ! *Tickets from Judy Short, Tel: 473769.*

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

The 'Light for Christmas' Tree will be erected and decorated on Saturday 5th December in readiness for the service of dedication on Sunday 6th December at 3.30pm **Help is needed during the morning and afternoon to help with this task.**

Valerie Batchelor has volunteered to co-ordinate the refreshments to be provided after the Light for Christmas service. Please contact her directly if you can help.

The smaller trees sponsored and decorated by local schools, businesses and voluntary organisations will be delivered on Tuesday morning the 8th December. **Help is needed during the day to unpack and erect these 28 trees.**

Stewarding Volunteers are needed to steward from Tuesday 15th December until Wednesday 23rd December. This involves just handing out Festival brochures and accepting donations. Full details will be given to all volunteers. Brenda Beal and her team have volunteered to steward on the 12th and 14th December when refreshments will also be provided.

If you are able to help in any way please could you indicate in what capacity you can help **by signing the sheets at the back of the church.**

If you need further information please contact Judy Short: tel: 473769.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Judy Short

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 in good time. (Preparation is usually complete by Wednesday each week)

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL, PICKERING

**Sunday 29th November, 2009
ADVENT SUNDAY**

**At 8am the Collect, Epistle and Gospel will be found in the Prayer Book
At 10am we use the printed Order of Service with the following
Prayers, Psalm & Readings.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 29th November

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

6.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service

7.00 p.m. YOOF! meets in Parish Hall

Wednesday, 2nd December

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order 2)

Thursday, 3rd December

10.30 a.m. Service at Orchard Close

Saturday, 5th December

2.00 p.m. Service at Pickering Castle

Sunday, 6th December *Advent 2*

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Lockton

3.30 p.m. Light for Life Service

INTERCESSIONS

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

Together with those who lit candles we pray for Karl and Helen

The Departed: We remember those who have recently died, including Doreen Cobb and Emma Young, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Barbara Charles, Donald Campbell, Dorothy Tindall and Charles Forster (Priest)

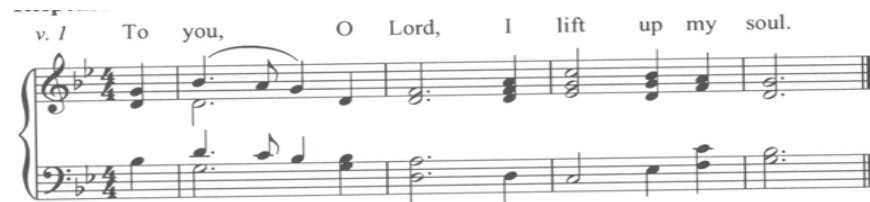
Collect

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 vv 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: 1-9



Response : 'To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.'

- 1 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**
- 2 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**
- 3 Remember, Lord, your compas | sion and love, 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**
- 4 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 vv 9 - 13

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.

Gospel: Luke 21 vv 25 - 36

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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 catch you nexpectedly, 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.