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## THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ALL SAINTS', DARTON WITH ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, STAINCROSS

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Arrangements for baptism and marriage may be made most Tuesday evenings between 7.30 pm and 8 pm at Darton. If you live in the parishes of Darton or Staincross, you are entitled to have your children baptised, or to be married in your parish church.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9.00 am	THE PARISH EUCHARIST at St. John the Evangelist, Staincross
10.30 am	THE PARISH MASS at All Saints', Darton A celebration with Holy Communion, lasting an hour or so, with music, light and colour. Afterwards there's a cuppa and a chance to make new friendships and renew old ones.

### WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is said daily at 9.00, at Darton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at Staincross on Wednesday and Friday.

Tuesday	7 pm	MASS AT DARTON
Wednesday	10.30 am	EUCCHARIST AT STAINCROSS followed by coffee and cake
Thursday	9.30 am	MASS AT DARTON
Friday	10.30 am	INFORMAL CAFÉ-MASS in the church hall followed by tea and toast

The Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is a quiet celebration without music, lasting just half an hour, with plenty of space for silence and reflection

### Fr Tim writes ....

And then it was November. I was told by somebody recently that one of the signs of getting older is that time begins to go by faster. Well in that case, I have clearly reached a milestone, and simply can't believe that I'm writing this article surrounded by emails confirming orders of poppy wreaths, holding details of buglers, and debating the best dates to hold Carol Services given the unfortunate fact that Christmas Day is on a Monday this year.

You'd think that by now I would be used to the increase in workload in the last three months of the year. When I worked in retail, these three months were known as the "Golden Quarter", on the basis that as a result of Halloween, Bonfire Night, Advent Calendars and Christmas, we could expect to take as much money in three months as we had in the previous nine.

Of course the reality is that anyone who worked in a supermarket felt this only too keenly, with the pressure of keeping products on shelves, keeping queues short, and providing service to customers which was as they would (or should) expect.

But did any one of us actually think that these three months were "golden"? In reality, probably not. They were exhausting. They took months of careful planning, and before we knew it of course, they were over and the Cadburys Crème Eggs were on the shelves.

Well, there are certainly times when it feels as though nothing has changed. But then I'm reminded that everything has changed. It's true, it would be very easy to fall into the "Golden Quarter" trap. We are faced with weeks now of the great countdown towards Christmas. As we enter November, there are less than sixty days to go.

But before we get to Christmas, we have November to travel through. November is a month of extremes. It begins with All Saints' Day, a great celebration of all the Saints, all those who have been recognised as serving their God with commitment, with courage, and with confidence, and of course there are so many others who will never be recognised. Then of course there is All Souls' Day, when we remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed, and place our confidence and trust in the mercy of God.

Within a week, we then meet Remembrance Sunday head on, and recall the sacrifice paid by so many, as indeed this year we consider so many parts of our world where this sacrifice is still made day by day. And before the end of the month we celebrate the great feast of Christ the King. We recognise again the Kingship of Jesus Christ, the fact that even through the pain and



the hardship of our world, Jesus is Lord and King, and lives to continually pray to God the Father for us.

And then, and only then, we can join in with the rest of our community, open our Advent Calendars, put our trees up, and get excited about Christmas. But, as I think about all of these events, it strikes me very powerfully that when we get to Christmas, we celebrate the birth of this very same King, we know that through the stories of oxen, asses, stables and bizarre gifts, we do far more than simply welcome a baby into the world, and unless we begin the story recognising that from the very outset, this is the Son of God, Christ the King, we will never take the Christmas story seriously enough.

But, we live among so many who will never make these links, who will never celebrate Christ the King, who won't give a thought to the Saints of God, and what it means to be called by God. Unless that is, we help them to know. The world is travelling its "Golden Quarter". And so is the Church. The Golden Quarter of the retailers, the supermarkets, is open to absolutely everyone who can afford it, to spend all they have and enjoy the rewards. How are we any different, and what are we prepared to do to share the challenging month of November with those who we will welcome in December?

**With love in Christ**  
**Fr Tim**

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS IN THE UNITED BENEFICE	
Monday:	Mothers' Union Meeting, everyone welcome, at 7 pm in All Saints (3rd Monday in the month)
Tuesday:	Morning Prayer at 9 am on Zoom BCP Communion in All Saints at 7 pm Office half-hour at 7.30 pm for enquiries regarding weddings and baptism for both churches at All Saints
Wednesday:	Morning Prayer at 9 am and NOT on Zoom in St John's Midweek Eucharist in St John's at 10.30 am and on Zoom Choir practice at All Saints' at 6.30 pm, new members welcome Choir practice at St John's at 7 pm, new members welcome
Thursday:	Morning Prayer at 9 am and NOT on Zoom in All Saints Mass at 9.30 am in All Saints NOT on Zoom
Friday	Morning Prayer at 9 am on Zoom Café Mass in Darton Parish Hall at 10.30 am (in church at the moment)
Saturday:	Morning Prayer at 9 am on Zoom Church open 10 am until 12 noon for coffee, prayer and visitors Mothers' Union Coffee Mornings at 10 am (1st Saturday in the month in the Parish Hall) Baptism Preparation Class at 11 am (2nd Saturday in the month) Ladies Group Coffee and Crafts at 10 am (3rd Saturday in the month in the Parish Hall) St John's Coffee Morning at 10 am (4th Saturday in the month in the Church Hall)
Sunday:	Parish Eucharist at 9 am in St John's Parish Mass in All Saints' at 10.30 am and on Zoom Choral Evensong in All Saints' at 5.30 pm (1st Sunday in the month) Reflective Service in St John's at 5.30 pm (Last Sunday in the month)
If you would like any further information or to link in to zoom, please visit the website ( <a href="http://www.dartonandstaincrosschurch.co.uk">www.dartonandstaincrosschurch.co.uk</a> )	

Life is unexpected, short, and fleeting, and people come and go in our lives. Our loved ones and friends won't be with us forever, and we'll never know when would be the last time they're going to be with us. We don't get another chance once they're gone, and no one else can ever fill that space they leave in our hearts. A simple but powerful way to start our journey to healing is by lifting up a prayer for grief to God.

This is especially true this month as we in the United Benefice have lost a friend who was very dear to us all, Tom Daykin. We share in the grief of Rev'd Jean and her family but will remember all the laughter and memories we have of him. I am hoping to share more in the next magazine with you all.

This month also, remember, at a special service of All Souls, by name all others who we've lost and we urge you to join us to celebrate their lives. If you would like us to remember by name please contact the vicar, churchwarden or anyone on the back page of this magazine.

*All Souls' Day*

On Sunday November 5th

**ST JOHN'S**  
Reflective Service of Remembrance at 3.30 pm

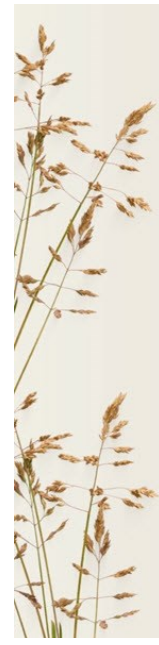
**ALL SAINTS'**  
Requiem Mass at 5.30 pm

Everyone is invited to either of the services

and if you would like us to remember, by name, a loved one please get in touch



Remembrance Day is also in our hearts this month as we remember those who lost their lives in conflicts around the world. This service will begin at 9.45 am in church and progress to the war memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 11 am.



**PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED**

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ  
we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them,  
to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

NURSEBUFF



# *"Sunday @ 4"* *Concerts*

17<sup>th</sup> September

**Bess of Hardwick**

Lizzie Jones introduces the  
local aspiring countess

15<sup>th</sup> October

**Rachel van Heel, Dawn  
Lloyd & Peter Reasbeck**

A programme of music for  
Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano &  
Piano

12<sup>th</sup> November

**Words & Music for  
Remembrance**

Elizabeth Charlesworth &  
Hugh Finnigan  
with Lizzie Jones

All Sunday @ 4 concerts  
are at 4.00 p.m.

in All Saints' Church, Darton

Free admission from 3.30 p.m.

Refreshments are served  
during the interval.



## This year's *Autumn Fayre*

will be held in Darton Parish Hall  
on

**Saturday  
November 11th  
from  
10 am - 12.30 pm**

All are welcome to join in the fun,  
with refreshments provided,  
raffles, tombolas and stalls of all sorts  
to get your Christmas shopping started!





## VISIT BY GAWBER HISTORY GROUP (25TH AUGUST 2023)

The Gawber History Group joined the Darton Heritage Group in church on 25th August for a working lunch. The purpose of the visit was to explore the ancestral history of the Gawber Parish within the old Darton Ecclesiastical Parish Boundary which included Darton, Kexbrough, Barugh, Gawber, Mapplewell and Staincross. Gawber became a separate parish in 1848 and Mapplewell and Staincross became independent in 1930.)

An excellent lunch was provided by Sue, Bridget and Janet!

The tour of the church began at the west end of the nave where the immediate focus was on the base of the Norman font which had been donated to St Thomas' Church, Gawber in 1877. The photocopy below is taken from the Baptism Records at St Thomas' Church. The writing on the entry is faint but reads:

*November the 30th 1877*

*The old font which used to stand in the Mother Church at Darton was this day brought to Gawber having been given to the Daughter Church by the following: The Rev Charles Sangster. Vicar of Darton*

*Churchwardens:*

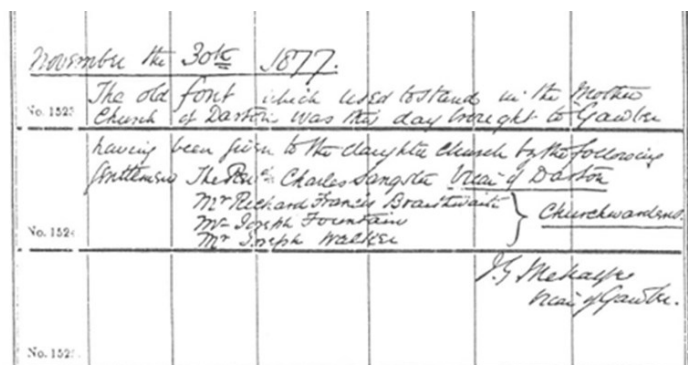
*Mr Richard Francis Braithwaite*

*Mr Joseph Fountain*

*Mr Joseph Walker*

*(Signed by)*

*J S Metcalfe Vicar of Gawber*



Not long after 1877, the parish of the new St Thomas' Church raised sufficient funds to buy their own font, and 'our' Norman font was placed in the churchyard from where was stolen.

The highlight of the tour for the Gawber History Group was in the northern area of the chancel where two brass inscriptions are to be found on what appears to be a family vault. Both families in the brass plaques lived in Gawber Hall, as identified in the inscriptions.

## RAPHE JENKINSON

*'Here lieth buried the bodie of Raphe Jenkinson / late of Gawber Hall, who departed this life ye 11th June / A Dm 1590 / Also ye fifth year of the rayne of our sovereigne Lady Quene Elizabeth and benefactor of the poor / of this .... / I know that my redeemer liveth and he shall stand at the latter day on ye east / and though after my skin ye worms destroy / this body yet shall see him in my flesh.'*

Gawber Hall was given to John and Raffe Jenkinson and to Raffe's heirs after a dispute lasting approximately 32 years as a result of Gawber being added to Dodworth by the marriage of Agnes de Galbergh to John de Dodworth. The name of Jenkinson ended in two daughters, both co-heiresses. One marrying Thomas Cutler of Fieldhead, and the other to Barber of Mare Bottom in Derbyshire. (Taken from 'History of Gawber' by W Bretton in Barnsley Reference Section.)

## JOHN AND SUZANNA BARBER

*'Here lieth the bodies of John Barber, late of Gawber Hall, / gent, and Suzanna his wife. / M John Barber was buried November ye 10th 1695 Aetat 67. / M Suzanna Barber was buried November ye 9th 1708 Aetat 67 / Blessed are they which die in the lord.'*

The Barber family resided at Gawber Hall for nearly 200 years. By pure coincidence, Hugh Polehampton, a member of the Gawber History Group, is a direct descendant of the last owners of Gawber Hall, and he was extremely enthusiastic about the plaques. He was so enthusiastic that he was nearly locked in at the end of the meeting, - he was so busy taking photographs! (The 'Barber plaque' has now come adrift from the vault and requires a little tlc. The piano used to be berthed in that northern part of the chancel, and after being manoeuvred around from time to time, the piano casters damaged the rivets on the plaque, which is now free of the memorial. Hugh was delighted to hold it in his hands and to read the inscription. He would have been more than happy to take it back to Manchester!)

At the end of the tour all our visitors were given copies of the brass memorial inscriptions to take back to Gawber. The meeting was quite eventful in lots of ways, because towards the end of the session when the planned visit to Monk Bretton Priory was discussed, another friend from Gawber explained that he was an official guide to the priory and would be very willing to give the Darton Heritage Group a guided tour!

True to his word, on 26th September, Fredrick Thompson arrived at Monk





Bretton Priory in his Cluniac habit dressed as a Black Monk and gave our society an excellent guided tour. His involvement was so much appreciated that Janet Ryan, a member of the Darton Heritage Group, has been very busy making Fred a 'period' accessory to add to his Black Cluniac outfit which is to be presented to him at the next meeting of the Gawber History Group.

**Tony Warden**

### Music and Words for Remembrance

War is a terrible thing, whether it was 100, 500, 900 years ago or is happening today. November, starting with All Saints and All Souls on 1st and 2nd, is the month when thoughts worldwide turn to those lost not just in war but through natural means as well. Our programme on ....

#### Sunday@4 12 November in Darton Church

seeks to capture the thoughts of poets and musicians during their time of combat in 1914-18. Wilfred Owen, Robert Graves, Siegfried Sassoon, Rupert Brooke are probably the best known of the poets from that conflict, known collectively as 'the war poets' and some of their words will be represented in the readings by Lizzie Jones.

But not all the words and music written during 'the war to end all wars' are about the conflict. Lesser known poets such as Francis Ledwidge and Ivor Gurney, who wrote words and music, speak more of beauty in their memories of home - 'A Blackbird Singing' (Head) and 'Severn Meadows' (Gurney).

We are also including songs from an earlier time and also later in the century: 'Autumn Evening' by Quilter; 'Song of Autumn' by Elgar and the end of the Requiem by Fauré

The second half of our programme is in a lighter vein and features popular songs of the time: 'We'll Gather Lilacs'; 'Roses of Picardy' and ending with a tribute to the nightingale from over the hill in Rochdale, Gracie Fields.

ELIZABETH CHARLESWORTH SOPRANO, HUGH FINNIGAN PIANO  
AND LIZZIE JONES  
REFRESHMENTS IN THE INTERVAL WITH A DONATION FOR CHURCH.



### CAWTHORNE PARISH CHURCH 19 NOVEMBER SUNDAY@4 ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

A performance by The Gerrard Sinfonia with conductor Barbara Bancroft and Solo Violinists Charlotte Kenyon and Deborah Blewitt

Programme includes music by Vivaldi, Mozart, Fauré, Ireland, Dag Wiren, themes from Dr Finlay's Casebook, The Deerhunter

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine or a soft drink available from [hag.hoylandswaine@gmail.com](mailto:hag.hoylandswaine@gmail.com); orchestra members and the church.

Thanks to Sheffield Bach Society for the loan of the harpsichord and if any keyboard players would like to have a close look, even bring a piece to play on the harpsichord please contact the email address above



### DARTON LADIES GROUP

Thank you to everyone for the help and support at our event last Saturday

A special mention of thanks to our local MP Dan Jarvis and Councillor Trevor Cave for calling in for a cup of tea as they visited local residents and businesses affected by the rising River Dearne. We are glad the village had a very fortunate escape.



**As a Church we are called to pray for those around us.  
Below you will find details of the worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer,  
the Diocese of Leeds Cycle of Prayer, and our own United Benefice Cycle of  
Prayer. The idea is that every church and community in the world is prayed for  
in turn.**

November 1: The Diocese of Argentina East Witton, St Botolph, Horsehouse, St Alkelda and St Mary, Middleham and St Oswald, Thornton Steward Those who live and work on Elliston Avenue	The Parishes of St John the Evangelist,
Nov 2: The Diocese of Northern Argentina and St Andrew, Netherton Those who live and work on Elstead Close	The Parishes of St Luke, Middlestown
Nov 3: The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles the Virgin both of Middleton Those who live and work on Eshton Court	The Parishes of St Cross and St Mary
Nov 4: The Diocese of Arizona Mary the Virgin, Mirfield and St John the Evangelist, Upper Hopton Those who live and work on Fairway Avenue	The Parishes of St Paul, Eastthorpe, St
Nov 5: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico Saints in all virtuous and godly living Those who live and work on Falcon Knowling	Grant us grace to follow your blessed
Nov 6: The Diocese of Arkansas Those who live and work on Falconer Close	The Parish of Holy Trinity, Mixenden
Nov 7: The Diocese of Armagh Moldgreen and St James, Rawthorpe Those who live and work on Fountain Close	The Parishes of Christ Church,
Nov 8: The Diocese of Armidale Those who live and work on Fountain Square	The Parish of St Paul, Monk Bretton
Nov 9: The Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia Alwoodley, St John the Evangelist, Moor Allerton, St Stephen, Moortown and St Paul, Shadwell Those who live and work on Four Lands Close	The Parishes of St Barnabas,
Nov 10: The Diocese of Aru St Paul and St Peter both of Morley Those who live and work on Fulford Close	The Parishes of St Andrew, Bruntcliffe,
Nov 11: The Diocese of Asaba Mary the Virgin, Riddlesden Those who live and work on George Street	The Parishes of St Luke, Morton and St
Nov 12: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola those who returned scarred by warfare and grant us peace in our time Those who live and work on Goldsworthy Way	All who have suffered during war and
Nov 13: The Diocese of Asante-Mampong Holy Trinity, South Crosland Those who live and work on Graders Close	The Parishes of St Paul, Armitage Bridge and
Nov 14: The Diocese of St Asaph Those who live and work on Grasmere Crescent	The Parish of All Saints, Normanton

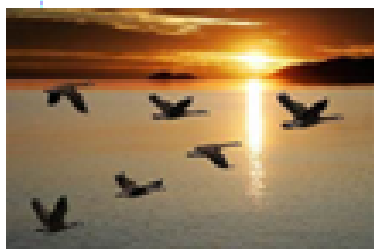
Nov 15: The Diocese of Athabasca St Mary Magdalene, Outwood, St Peter, Stanley and St Anne, Wrenthorpe Those who live and work on Greenside	The Parishes of St Paul, Alverthorpe,
Nov 16: The Diocese of Atlanta Those who live and work on Greenside Avenue	The Parish of St Matthew, Northowram
Nov 17: The Diocese of Attooch Christ church, Oakworth Those who live and work on Greenside Place	The Parish of St John, Newsholme and
Nov 18: The Diocese of Auckland Those who live and work on Gresford Close	The Parish of St Philip, Osmondthorpe
Nov 19: The Church of the Province of Myanmar those with Permission of Officiate, for the invaluable Those who live and work on Grove Road	Thanks for our Retired Clergy and
Nov 20: The Diocese of North West Australia Those who live and work on Haise Mount	The Parish of Trinity Church, Ossett
Nov 21: The Diocese of Aweil Those who live and work on Hall Grove	The Parish of All Saints, Otley
Nov 22: The Diocese of Awerial Ovenden Those who live and work on Halstead Grove	The Parish of St George the Martyr,
Nov 23: The Diocese of Awgu/Aninri Oxenhope Those who live and work on Hamble Court	The Parish of St Mary the Virgin,
Nov 24: The Diocese of Awka Angels, Beckwithshaw and St Robert of Knaresborough, Pannal Those who live and work on Haredon Close	The Parishes of St Michael and All
Nov 25: The Diocese of Aori St Oswald, Bolton, St Margaret, Preston under Scar, St Mary, Redmire, Mission Room, Thornton Rust and St Bartholomew, West Witton Those who live and work on Hawthorne Court	The Parishes of St Andrew, Aysgarth,
Nov 26: The Church of Nigeria plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works and be plenteously rewarded by thee Those who live and work on Heathcote Close	Thy faithful people that they
Nov 27: The Diocese of Ayod All Saint and St Giles both of Pontefract Those who live and work on Hedge Lane	The Parishes of St Mary, Chequerfield,
Nov 28: The Diocese of Badagry St Martin, Potternewton Those who live and work on Henry Moore Court	The Parishes of All Souls, Leeds and
Nov 29: The Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Paul, Pudsey Those who live and work on Hepworth Close	Caicos Islands The Parish of St Lawrence and St
Nov 30: The Diocese of Ballarat Those who live and work on Hewer Way	The Parish of Holy Trinity, Queensbury

# Welcome to Eco Church

## Round/about.

Shorter days are ahead when the clocks alter; many people find the longer periods of darkness lonely and depressing so please keep them in mind!

Downpours leave very soggy footpaths which are a mine of information about what uses them: look out for animal (and bird) footprints, it's amazing the unexpected places you find deer slots.



Watch out for the spectacular sight of migratory geese flying South for the winter in v-formations: their evocative calling is a true sound of Autumn.

Bonfire night is close, but if you are having a bonfire please inspect it carefully before lighting for sleepy hedgehogs – and please have a thought for the large number of animals – and people – who are terrified by the noise of fireworks.

Remember our feathered friends: increased bird feeding in gardens during the months ahead helps out resident and visiting birds to survive.

Even butterflies need winter shelter: there are things that can be done to help prepare Wild Spaces for winter. These include leaving dead stems uncut to provide shelter for eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises. A simple pile of leaves or sticks can also offer protection against the cold weather to come for many species.



## Take a walk on the wild side!

We may like our gardens to look neat, but a recent survey by BBC's Gardener's World magazine has found that more than half (54 per cent) of gardeners now include 'uncultivated areas' in their garden. And some 44 per cent of gardeners have also set up a wildflower area.

Certainly, nature could use a helping hand. In 2019 32% of us saw butterflies in our garden. By 2021, that was down to just 16%.

### Simple tips to rewild your garden\*

- \* Avoid chemical pesticides and herbicides, which also kill good bugs, butterflies and bees.
- \* Tolerate as much mess as you can. Leave wood and leaf piles for hedgehog and invertebrates.
- \* Set aside some room where grass can grow longer, and wildflowers can bloom. Don't pull up all your weeds – they can be an important source of pollen for bees.

## Time to welcome your slugs and snails...

The Royal Horticultural Society says we should welcome slugs and snails, as they play a key role in garden ecosystems. Apparently, only nine of the 44 known species in the UK are likely to threaten our gardens, and all of them play a vital role in recycling dead plant material and animal waste, and acting as a food source for hedgehogs, frogs, birds, beetles and flies.

I still wish they would leave my cauliflowers alone...

## Parkin... what else for bonfire night?



### Ingredients

200g butter, plus extra for greasing  
1 large egg  
4 tbsp milk  
200g golden syrup  
85g treacle  
85g light soft brown sugar  
100g medium oatmeal  
250g self-raising flour  
1 tbsp ground ginger

### Method

Heat the oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3.  
Grease a deep 22cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment.  
Beat the egg and milk together with a fork.  
Gently melt the syrup, treacle, sugar and butter together in a large pan until the sugar has dissolved.  
Remove from the heat.  
Mix the oatmeal, flour and ginger together and stir into the syrup mixture, followed by the egg and milk.  
Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 mins – 1 hr until the cake feels firm and a little crusty on top.  
Cool in the tin then wrap in more parchment and foil.  
Keep for up to five days before eating if you can – it'll become softer and stickier the longer you leave it, up to two weeks.



## **ADVENT Nick Shields looks some aspects of this special, if short, season ...**

**"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...."(Isaiah)**

In a few weeks time, on 3rd December to be exact, we celebrate the beginning of the Christian season of Advent. Advent simply means "coming" but there is much more to it than that. It is certainly a time of waiting in preparation for the celebration of Christmas -the nativity of Christ. We can forget that we should now also look to the return of Christ in his second coming. There are many ways in which we celebrate Advent. Churches (or homes)



**ADVENT CANDLES**



**A CHRISTINGLE**

often make an Advent wreath – a circle of four candles in appropriate colours set in winter greenery with a central white or even gold candle to soon celebrate Christmas itself. We can also make a Christingle, an ancient custom from the Moravian church in central Europe, which tells the Christmas story in their traditional way, looking at Christ as the centre of our world, using symbolism which relates to children. Advent is certainly a time of preparation in all our churches with special services and devotions.

This can also mean times of fasting or giving to heighten our preparation. There are four dedicated "Advent" Sundays before Christmas – Advent itself ends on Christmas Eve. As well as all of this, the beginning of Advent is always the start of a new liturgical year (this year 2023-24) which leads us through Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost, each festival with its own distinct celebrations. There is a liturgical cycle of three years (A-C) for every year in Advent- we celebrate the Evangelists Matthew Mark and Luke in each of the three years, with John having an overall role.

Advent is not a sort of mini Lent – it is not the same: we can look in "joyful hope" to the coming of Christ at Christmas and his second coming at the end of time. Initially there are changes in Church: the green coverings and vesture which have been used for a the "Ordinary" times of the year on the altar and liturgical furnishings, give way to violet or purple – in some places, this is more a blue. The atmosphere becomes more one of anticipation, although this traditionally lightens on the third Sunday of Advent when we have a

Sunday – "Rejoice" or "Gaudete" Sunday" which marks the centre of our time of preparation.

Music certainly has a place in Advent – special hymns, include some traditional and popular ones, including the evocative "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" which sets to music some well-known verses taken from Advent, psalms and prayers. Many churches have a "Festival of nine lessons and carols" in Advent, although it is not a general tradition to otherwise sing Christmas carols at this time. We save them for Christmas! Some parts of the Mass or Eucharist are omitted or "saved up" for our later celebrations-such as the Gloria hymn – the angels' song at the birth of Jesus. Many people keep an Advent calendar to mark these days, often including an appropriate scripture verse. Other versions of an Advent calendar have crept in over the years and these can include places for chocolate or alcohol within the calendar. These are not really appropriate for the season! Scripture readings for Mass or Eucharist in Advent are often familiar and much loved.

The Old Testament readings are often from the Prophet Isaiah and are, as you may expect, prophetic. Some of these passages are well known and we realise how much was incorporated by George Frederic Handel (1685-1759) in composing his masterly oratorio "Messiah," much sung by local amateur choirs at this time. On the First Sunday (Advent Sunday), the readings look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.

On the Second Sunday, the Gospel reading tells of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord"; On the Third Sunday ("Gaudete Sunday"), the Gospel reading is again about John the Baptist, the other readings about the joy associated with the coming of Christ



**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

On the Fourth Sunday, the scene changes: the Gospel reading is about Mary and Joseph and the events leading to the birth of Jesus, and the other readings are related to these. At Christmas we usually hear from Luke and his inspiring account of the Nativity story.

**"Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.**

**And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." Mark's Gospel - Words for our time of preparation**



## FROM THE REGISTERS

Matthew Gamble was baptised by Rev'd Emily at St John's on October 1st, we welcome him into the church family unfortunately we don't have a photo of Matthew).

Vinnie Jake Lodge was baptised on October 8th by Fr Tim at All Saints



Fr Tim baptised Frankie Irwin at St John's on October 15th, it was lovely to welcome family and friends to share in his special day



Jesse Andrew Peter Youle was baptised by Rev'd Jean on October 22nd at All Saints



Also baptised on October 22nd this time at St John's by Rev'd Emily were daughter and mum, Ava Grace Santhouse and Neave Siobhan Kelly, we welcome both into the church family.



## FUNERALS

Please remember in your prayers those who have experienced moments of sadness or grief in the last few weeks especially the family of



Joyce Baxter

and also the family of

Christopher Shires whose ashes were interred in October

We remember also all whose anniversaries are at this time

**REST ETERNAL GRANT TO THEM O LORD**



# FRIENDSHIP GROUP

BRING YOUR CRAFTS

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The Friendship group has been running now for 8 weeks and is proving a great success. Ladies have been attending bringing various crafts, i.e. knitting, crocheting, embroidery, tapestry etc, and some are learning new skills. Others come just for a coffee and a chat and it all makes for a lovely atmosphere with plenty of laughs. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

During the Autumn/Winter months the timings have changed slightly to 1.30pm until 3.30pm to account for the darker evenings.

**Lynda Charlesworth**



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3rd— (Lyn Sowray)

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### CHURCH OPENING ROTA 10 am—12 noon

4/11/23 Tony Warden and Bridget Mellor  
11/11/23 AUTUMN FAIR  
18/11/23 Ursula Senior and Janet Rodgersen  
25/11/23 Ann and Alistair Burns

Many thanks to those who keep the Rota going each week.

## November rota for St John's

Date	Sunday 05 November 2023	Sunday 05 November	Sunday 12 November	Sunday 19 November	Sunday 26 November	Sunday 03 December 2023
Day	All Saints' Day	All Soul's Day	3 before	2 before	Christ the	Advent 1
Time	09:00	15:30	09:00	09:00	09:00	09:00
		Volunteers needed				<b>YEAR B</b>
Welcome & Offertory	Margaret Foster		Sue Green	Amy Roe	Cynthia/ Gavin Sturgess	Doreen Piper
Reader	Diane Cooper		Margaret	Pam Seaman	Nick Shields	Sue Green
Reading	Revelation 7: 9-17	Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9	Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20- 24	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel	Matthew 5: 1-	John 6: 37-40	Matthew 25:	Matthew 25:	Matthew 25:	Mark 13: 24-
Intercessions	Rev'd Jean		Amy Roe	Nick Shields	Louise Smith	Rev'd Jean
Chalice	Louise Smith		Pam Seaman	Margaret	Louise Smith	Pam Seaman
Coffee	Amy Roe		Doreen Piper	Sue Dunhill	Amy Roe	Doreen Piper
Servers	Diane Cooper		Diane Cooper	Diane Cooper	Diane Cooper	Diane Cooper-
Altar Guild			Margaret			

Please make any changes necessary on the sheet in the vestry and on the sheet at the back of church

## November rota for All Saints'

DATE	Nov 5th	Nov 12th	Nov 19th	Nov 26th
MINISTERS OF WELCOME	Elaine Brown Lynda Charlesworth	Susan Elliott Anthea Herbert	Ann & Alistair Burns	Christine Miller Hilary Riggs
READER	Marjorie Crossland	TBA	Derek Hollingsworth	Linda Rayner
INTERCESSIONS	Hilary Riggs	TBA	Rev'd Jean Daykin	Judith Hollingsworth
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Ursula Senior	Janet Rodgersen	Stuart Holling	Marjorie Crossland

Readings as St John's

If you have any amendments to the rota please make alternative cover





## MOTHERS UNION

The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team are attending the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning on the 2nd December. They will be bringing resources to hand out with information and advice about crime prevention and there will be an opportunity to speak to them about any concerns you may have.



Mothers' Union, have been active for nearly 150 years with over 4 million members across 83 countries. Mothers Union work with people of all faiths and none, to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. They work tirelessly to serve their communities to build a future where everyone thrives, creating and carrying out grass root initiatives with the mission to end violence, end poverty and end injustice. During November/December we invite you to join our mission and .....

### **RISE UP AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE**

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Respond</b> | - to a disclosure of abuse with compassion and calm               |
| <b>Inform</b>  | - the person where they can get help from                         |
| <b>Support</b> | - them appropriately in a safe manner                             |
| <b>Empower</b> | - them to grow and heal   |
| <b>Unite</b>   | - with other members of Mothers' Union                            |
| <b>Pray</b>    | - for an end to domestic abuse in the UK and throughout the world |

On Saturday 25th November at 1.03 pm we will be holding one minutes silence followed by prayers at All Saints' Church, Darton, for the victims of domestic abuse and we invite the COMMUNITY to join us. We do this to raise awareness of the fact that one in three women worldwide will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. This means that there is a strong possibility that some in our community have been a victim or witnessed abuse in some form.

We understand this is a sensitive topic but we feel that this matter should not be shied away from. The reality is that domestic abuse is real. It is a pandemic which we are struggling to fight.

For more information Tel: Mollie Hall, Branch Leader 07771658546



## **Coffee Morning and Autumn Fair**

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**Saturday  
25<sup>th</sup> November  
10:00 – 12:00**

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## THEATRE AT ST JOHN'S The Comedy of Errors

The Pantaloons came on Saturday 30 September to present their adaptation of William Shakespeare's 'The Comedy of Errors'. They gave us the story, explained in simple terms and proceeded with their usual mixture of music and song, slapstick and audience participation with a professional production of the sort we would expect of them. The four actors took multiple roles with quick changes of costume; the two pairs of lost twins were identifiable by changing the colour of waistcoats and hats with members of the audience drafted in when all four had to appear at the same time.

It was a joyful and thoroughly entertaining performance. Sadly only 28 people came to see the show and we wonder why. It's fair to say that Shakespeare is not to every person's taste, but the clue is in the title - The COMEDY of Errors'. It is acknowledged as one of his funniest plays. It's fair to say that it was a wet evening and that there were roadworks outside St John's to discourage people from turning out to pay at the door. It's fair to say that the tickets were not the cheapest for hat is put on at St John's but were priced to match the lowest prices anywhere

on their national tour, and are a bargain when compared with theatre ticket prices in Sheffield and Leeds.

The cast was disappointed in audience numbers. They had travelled up from London to do the show, after which they had a hotel booking in Doncaster on their way to their next performance on Sunday at

Newark. The agreement we have with them is that they receive 70% of the money from ticket sales. We sent them £274.40. This really does not pay the wages of the actors, their fuel costs and expenses. We do always provide them with a hot meal and cater for the vegetarians and vegans among them.

It is interesting that The Pantaloons will be touring in 2024 with The Merry Wives of Windsor, The Importance of Being Earnest and Robin Hood. To date we have not been offered the opportunity to host any of these productions.

Without audiences we cannot expect to attract professional companies to come to villages. Where was everyone?

**Bob Hawes**



## A proper Yorkshire joke ...

Daley Thompson, Tessa Sanderson and Steve Cram are all around at Seb Coe's house for tea.

Steve brought the fish, Tessa brought the chips, Daley brought the mushy peas and Seb provided the salt and vinegar. Suddenly there was a knock at the door so Seb gets up to answer.

"Who is it?", asks everyone in unison,

"It's Fatima wi t'bread



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