

## Welcome

We welcome the Revd. Pam Coles as our Preacher and Celebrant this morning

### Planned Giving Envelopes

We have recycled some old envelopes to save money (and the planet!) Please pick one up from the back of church a let Grace or Hilary know your new number.

### Christmas Flowers

Kaaren is most thankful for the contributions she receives towards the cost of flowers throughout the year. If you would be willing to give towards the Christmas flowers, she would be very grateful

### Christmas Pillar Box

The Pillar Box will be out throughout Advent for donations towards the work of Manorlands and Martin House.

### Confirmation

There will be a confirmation service at St. John's on January 14th. If you would like to be confirmed, or know of someone else who would, please see Daniel or Philippa

### Thursday morning prayers

There is a weekly time of prayer for the 4 parishes in our group on Thursday mornings, 9am on zoom. All welcome to join. Use login: 996-9646-3899, password: 662291. Or link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/99696463899?pwd=NzZFNjVIYUtQm50MHVSQUhNQ2twZz09>. Pick up a prayer booklet in church.

### Focus Group Update

There is a summary of what was discussed at the last Focus Group and a question sheet to consider for the next one on the board at the back of church. Dates for your diary - **21st January** ( note change ); 25th February 10.00 a.m. start; 11.15 a.m. finish - Holy Communion at **9.30 a.m.**

### Pilgrimage

There is a pilgrimage from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey on Boxing day from 10.15 a.m. following a Eucharist in the cathedral at 9.30 a.m.

# Sunday 17th December 2023

## Third Sunday of Advent

**Service: Holy Communion**

**Hymns:**

**198; 471; 467; 13**

## Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

([www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk](http://www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk))

**Interim Priest-in-Charge:**

Vacant

**Interim Associate Minister**

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (*tel. 01274 49137*)

**Interim Assistant Curate**

Revd. Daniel Furlong (*tel: 07749 941348*)

**Churchwardens:**

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. John Ratnik

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**Children in Church**

Children are most welcome to our services.

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**Refreshments.**

**Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.**

*Please take this service sheet home with you*

### **Collect of the Day** (*3rd Sunday of Advent*)

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.

### **1 Thessalonians 5.16-24**

My brothers and sisters,

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; <sup>21</sup> hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### **John 1.6-8,19-28**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'

<sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'

<sup>21</sup> And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?'

He said, 'I am not.'

'Are you the prophet?'

He answered, 'No.'

<sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'

<sup>23</sup> He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'

<sup>26</sup> John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'

<sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

### **Post-communion** (*3rd Sunday of Advent*)

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.

### **Activities for the week**

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| Today          | 10.00 a.m.       | Holy Communion                                   |
| Monday 18th    | p.m.             | Visit by Crossley House Schoolchildren           |
| Tuesday 19th   | 12 noon          | Knit 'n' Natter                                  |
| Wednesday 20th | 9.30am           | Holy Communion at St. James's                    |
|                | 6.30 p.m .       | Carol Service with Scout Group                   |
|                | 7.30 p.m.        | Mini Fair in hall                                |
| Sunday 24th    | 10.00 a.m.       | <b>NO SERVICE</b>                                |
|                | <b>2.00 p.m.</b> | <b>Joint Christingle and Carols with New Joy</b> |

Please pray for all on our prayer list: Wendy and Eric; Simon and Keretha, Pauline, Doreen, Dennis, Tracy, Rosemary, Dermot and anyone known to you.