

SUNDAY 27th November 2022 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Welcome to Worship

If this is your first time of visiting the Knaresborough Team Ministry we are delighted in wishing you a very warm welcome. Please introduce yourselves to the sides people at the back of Church who will be able to help you with any queries you may have.



Prayer for the First Week of Advent: Hope, a Purple Candle -

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen** Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Next Sunday - Sunday 4th December

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH....

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - PUBLIC WORSHIP		
8.00 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am	- St Mary's, Goldsborough	- Holy Communion
10.30 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
10.30 am	- St Paul & St Margaret's, Nidd	- BCP Holy Communion
10.45 am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
4.00pm	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Advent Carol Service
WEDNESD	DAY 30TH NOVEMBER	
10.00am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
11.00am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion

The 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.

Isaiah 2. 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways

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Advance notice - There will be no Holy Communion at St John's on Wednesday 14th December. Holy Trinity will be as normal at 10am.

The Word:

God speaks to each of us individually. We need to listen, to hear what He is saying. Let us read the following texts a few times; then listen.

and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!



Romans 13. 11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24. 36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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. Amen God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision and Planning, Wisdom to our actions, Help our church grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We hold in our prayers (as at 24th November):

His Majesty King Charles III and all the royal family.

Our Diocese, Bishops, Churches & Clergy, especially Bishop Helen-Ann as she prepares for her move to Newcastle Diocese. Our local schools especially for St John's CofE and Goldsborough CofE primaries.

We pray for the NHS; care homes, businesses and charities;

Our mission partners: New Life Ghana and Azaria Spencer, CMS worker in Guatemala.

Those supporting and caring for the vulnerable;

Our loved ones and friends; Ourselves.

Those who have asked for prayer:

Joyce Bennet, Lindsey Catt, Ann Cripps, Mildred Davy, Denys De La Hoyde, David Holmes, Alison Hopkins, Rita Hunter, Muriel Kagill, Shannon Knight, John Levine, Elizabeth M^cHugh, Isaac Sidaway, , Pat Threlfall, Joyce Wright.

Those who have recently died: Joan Stacey, Flora Hespin, Lillian Robinson, Helen Denny, Avis Smith, Marjorie Barnes, Edward Wilson, Lesley Ogden.

Those whose anniversary of death we keep:

Richard Salter, Elizabeth Woodward, John Slights, Ronald Watson, Gertie Little, Hester Kippax, Glyn McCormick, Malcolm Kaye, Graham Hurst, John McMullan.

If you would like a family member to be remembered on the anniversary of their death then please contact Faye by email or phoning the office number and leaving a message.

A Blessing

May the presence of the Creator refresh you, may the comfort of the Son renew you, may the inspiration of the Spirit restore you, to be love in action, even from a distance, in our neighbourhoods, near and far, this day and for evermore. Amen