

Notices

Instructions to access the live stream for services:-

- Navigate to the main St Mary's Woodkirk Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk.
- All scheduled lives will be pinned at the top of the page and you can join them by clicking on them at the time that they start.
- Alternatively a link to the live will also be published on our **A Church Near You** page
- Find the event taking place and click on "More about this event" this will automatically take you straight to the live service on Facebook.

If you wish to make a donation to the work of this church or if you wish to pay your weekly collection via our bank account then the details are given below:-

Yorkshire Bank Morley
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Account – Woodkirk PCC 31405751

Thank you - Sharon



WELCOME TO ST MARY'S WOODKIRK

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

CORRECTED VERSION

Engaging with God
Engaging with Each Other
Engaging with the Community

Sunday 29th November 2020

10.30am Said Holy Communion – Advent 1
(Service streamed via Facebook live)

Instructions to Connect given in column 4

Services for next week

Mon 9.00am	Morning Prayer streamed as above
Tues 6.00pm	Evening Prayer streamed as above
Weds 10.00am	Said Holy Communion - Service streamed as above
Weds 7.00pm	Reflective Advent Service on Hope – Service streamed as above.
Thurs 9.00pm	Night Prayer streamed as above
Fri 9.00am	Morning Prayer streamed as above

As per Government Guidelines the Church Building will be reopen on Sunday 6th December.

Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am	Advent 2 - Said Holy Community (Service Live and streamed as above)
4.00pm	Family Carol Service with the Nativity Story – Streamed

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: For the brokenness and sadness of the world
From our Church Prayer Diary : The Maintenance Team aka Dave and Brian.

We pray for Baptism Families, Wedding Couples and Funeral Families.

Those who have asked for **prayers for healing**:
Kevin, Richard, Grace, Betty, Lionel, Queenie, Frank, Nicole, Ethan, Barbara, Diane, Margaret, Jerry, Louise, Simon, Faith, Alfie, Bree, Beryl, Marlene, Philip, Christine, June, Steven, Shelley, Jillian, Lisa and Brian.

The family and friends of those who have recently died: Betty Farthing, Luis del Valle, Dennis Roughsedge, Mary Collins, Lewis Thornton

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St Mary's Church, Woodkirk, and Friends of Woodkirk Churchyard.
TWITTER: tweet us and follow us @stmarywoodkirk

And those whose **anniversaries** fall at this time:
Ronald Manual Davies

Scripture Readings for the coming Week:-

Sunday 29th November – Said HC –streamed live

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

Monday 30th November – Morning Prayer – streamed live

Psalms 47

John 20:20-32

Tuesday 1st December - Evening Prayer – streamed live

Psalms 74

Matthew 12:22-37

Weds 2nd December – Said HC – streamed live

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs 3rd December – Night Prayer – streamed live

Psalms 143

Mark 13:35-end

Fri 4th December – Morning Prayer – streamed live

Psalms 25

Revelation 21:22-22.5

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - November 22nd 2020, 2.00pm

We did indeed have our APCM Meeting last Sunday afternoon and a very strange atmosphere it was. Business was conducted as normal and we have a few changes that we wish to let you know.

Firstly, Mr Brian Gledhill has now completed his six years as Church Warden. By Church law Brian has to step down for at least a year, and so it is with our grateful thanks for all he has done and continues to do. We had one nomination for the Church Warden position, and so we congratulate Mr Gary Mortimer who has agreed to take over the role of Church Warden. Stepping down from the PCC is Ms Lizzy Wilkinson due to time constraints and we thank Lizzy for her time. Stepping up to take positions on the PCC will be Mr Jason Hawkins and his wife Mrs Heather Hawkins, along with Mr Dave Townsend who has just completed his one year break. A big welcome to Gary, Jason, Heather and Dave in their new positions.

Mrs Barbara Tate, Treasurer has also completed her six years on the PCC and will now have a compulsory one year break. Barbara will continue in the role of Treasurer and will attend PCC in that role.

Brian and Gary are also Deanery Synod reps. There is one vacant position for a Deanery Synod rep and should

anyone wish to be involved, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the relevant papers for the APCM can be found on our webpage so anyone can read them. At our first PCC meeting in December we will nominate individual roles and these will be published in due course. If anyone has any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christian Aid Afternoon Tea which was scheduled for 5th December is cancelled until further notice. Hopefully, we will be able to run this in the future.

Today is the beginning of Advent and I would like to thank Averille for making the advent wreath at home. Averille has been shielding and has really missed attending to the flowers in church. We are grateful for all she has done and continues to do.

Church Re-opens on Sunday 6th December at 10.30am with a Said Holy Communion and at 4.00pm on the same day there will be a **Nativity and Family Carol Service** – which will be streamed

Starting on Weds 2nd December at 7.00pm for four weeks will be our Advent Reflection Services on the themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. These Services will be online only – please join in – make yourself comfortable, light a candle and take some quiet time.

There are one or two new Services which I will explain in due course and outside the front of Church, Dave has built a stable and there are two Christmas Trees which we have set up with the idea that they are memory trees/prayer trees on which individuals could hang baubles to remember their loved ones. Names could be written on baubles or a symbolic bauble could be placed in their memory.

I have prepared a list of services which I will attach with this Notice Sheet, however, please be aware that these may change if Guidance changes from the Government or the Church of England.

As I said in my last notice sheet Christmas is not cancelled, we need more than ever to acknowledge the greatest story ever told and however we celebrate it this year, it will not take away from the birth of Christ more than 2,000 years ago. Jesus was the world's hope then and He is still the hope of the world today. He is the light in the darkness and as such the clergy in this area are using the picture below and are asking their communities to light up their windows symbolising the hope in our world today during these dark winter months and in the midst of the pandemic.



This picture is being made into a banner and will go on the back wall of the Stable that Dave is building.

If anyone would like me to send the picture to them so that they can print it off and put it in their window with some white lights then please email me and let me know. I will print off some in due course for when church opens.

Services for Christmas 2020

*(Please note these could be subject to change due to Government Guidelines/Church of England Guidelines. Please see either facebook or our webpage for details on the relevant day as the services will be advertised there).

Weds 2 nd Dec 7.00pm	Reflective Advent Service on Hope Streamed
Sunday 6 th Dec 10.30am	Said Holy Communion – Advent 2 Live and Streamed
Sun 6 th Dec 4.00pm	Family Carol Service with the Nativity Story Streamed
Weds 9 th Dec 10.00am	Said Holy Communion Live and Streamed
Weds 9 th Dec 7.00pm	Reflective Advent Service on Peace Streamed
Sun 13 th Dec 10.30am	Said Holy Communion – Advent 3 Live and Streamed
Sun 13 th Dec 4.00pm	Blue Christmas – A Service for those who find Christmas difficult Live and Streamed
Weds 16 th Dec 10.00am	Said Holy Communion Live and Streamed
Weds 16 th Dec 7.00pm	Reflective Advent Service on Love Streamed
Sun 20 th Dec 10.30am	Said Holy Communion – Advent 4 Live and Streamed

Sun 20 th Dec 4.00pm	9 Lessons and Carols/and or Music Live and Streamed
Weds 23 rd Dec 10.00am	Said Holy Communion Live and Streamed
Weds 23 rd Dec 7.00pm	Reflective Advent Service on Joy Streamed
Thurs 24 th Dec 4.00pm	Christingle Streamed
Thurs 24 th Dec 11.30pm	Said Midnight Mass Live and Streamed
Frid 25 th Dec 10.30am	Christmas Said Holy Communion Live and Streamed
Sun 27 th Dec 10.30am	Said Holy Communion Live and Streamed
Weds 30 th Dec 10.00am	Said Holy Communion Live and Streamed

The first Christmas was messy, Mary and Joseph and the yet unborn Jesus were out of their comfort zones. They had to rely on the kindness of an Inn Keeper and a strange band of shepherds. This is where God meets us as we think about Jesus' birth during advent. The long awaiting of a Saviour, Emmanuel – God is with us. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

For us this year, Christmas is messy, who should we see?

‘The whole year has been messy, and we have lost loved ones?

But look around you, find the kindness of the Inn Keeper in those around you and the care of the shepherds in your neighbours, friends and family. Give thanks for what you have and share what you can with those who have who are in the mess of life. God is with us always.

love and prayers as always.

Sharon