



## Church News for 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### Christ the King Worshipping With Us

We are delighted to return to a more normal pattern of worship across our six churches and are ready to welcome you to join us in all our buildings. PhoneChurch will continue to be offered at the 09:00 service each Sunday joining the congregation at Spennithorne and Patrick Brompton on alternating weeks. To join in simply call 03300 945 940 then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 # and use Guest PIN: 3885 # please see below for more detailed information. As more folk are joining us for gathered worship, the printed copies of PewNews will be available at the Sunday services and then delivered during the week to those who have requested them. We hope this will save time, effort, and expenditure. Please do let us know if you no longer require a posted/delivered copy. The Benefice Magazine will be restating shortly - more info soon!

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November Christ the King

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Mary's Hornby

10:45 '**Stir Up**' **Simply Together** - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Andrew's Finghall

**Readings** Daniel 7.9-10,13,14, *Psalm 93*, Revelation 1.4b-8, & John 18.33-37

**Collect** Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BCP Collect** Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch

09:30 Tuesday - [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch

11:00 Wednesday - Richard William Cooper Funeral - St Michael's Spennithorne

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - PhoneChurch



# At the heart of Christmas



## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

09:00 [Family Service](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:45 [Holy Communion](#) - St Mary's Hornby

10:45 [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [Advent BCP Evensong](#) - St Oswald's Hauxwell

**Readings** Jeremiah 33.14-16, *Psalm 25.1-9*, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

**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.

**Post Communion** 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.

**BCP Collect** Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

### During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch

16:00 Tuesday - **St Andrew's Day Patronal Holy Communion** - St Andrew's Finghall

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall & PhoneChurch

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - PhoneChurch



## Message in the Movies

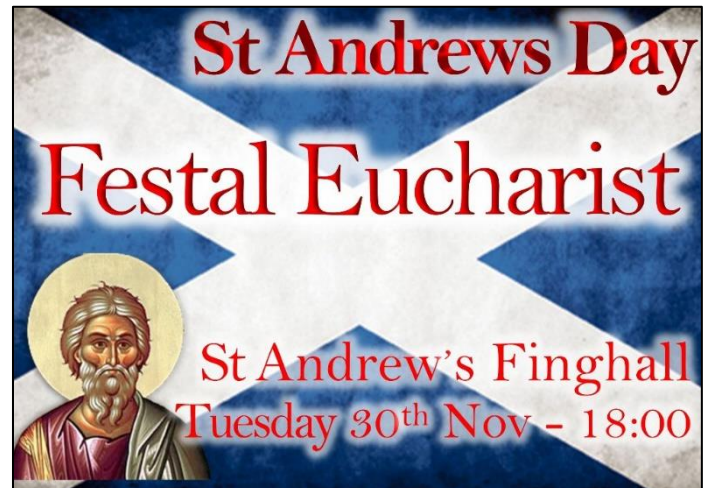
Come and join us as we watch a film by Danny Boyle where

'Ethics, being human and the soul come to the fore when a 7 year old finds a bag of Pounds just days before the currency is switched to Euros and learns what we are really made of.'



Free Popcorn - Bring your own drinks  
No Charge for this event!

St Gregory's Crakehall  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 18:30



## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2

09:00 BCP Holy Communion - St Oswald's Hauxwell

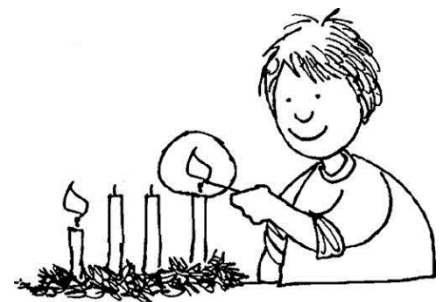
09:00 [Family Service](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

10:45 [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

18:30 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

**Readings** Malachi 3.1-4, Cant: Benedictus, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

**Collect** O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.



**Post Communion** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BCP Collect** Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**During the week**

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) – PhoneChurch

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall & PhoneChurch

18:00 Thursday - School Nativity - St Michaels, Spennithorne

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - PhoneChurch

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne & PhoneChurch

10:45 Family Service - St Mary's Hornby

10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

14:30 WI Carol Service - St Michael's Spennithorne

17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Andrew's Finghall

**Readings** Zephaniah 3.14-end, Cantic: Isaiah 12.2-6, Philippians 4.4-7, & Luke 3.7-18

**Collect** 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.

**Post Communion** 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.

**BCP Collect** O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**During the week**

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) – PhoneChurch

09:30 Tuesday - [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

16:00 Tuesday - Crakehall School Christmas - St Gregory's, Crakehall

19:00 Tuesday - RABI Carols at the Mart (Leyburn)

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch

18:00 Wednesday - Hunton School Christingle - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton

17:00 Friday - Carols around the village - Patrick Brompton

14:00 Saturday - Baptism - St Oswald's Hauxwell

18:00 Saturday - Lessons & Carols - St Gregory's, Crakehall

20:00 Saturday - [Advent Compline](#) - PhoneChurch



**PhoneChurch** is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your phone everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best use this system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problems - so for the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

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For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

With Step 4 of the Government Roadmap has come a relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions. Bishop Nick and his colleagues have written a letter to the churches of the Diocese [which can be viewed here](#). In the letter, he encourages us to look to the needs of our neighbours and to take a cautious approach to re-opening

Our approach here in Lower Wensleydale for the moment is

**Masks** are encouraged when moving around and when the building is crowded.

**Spacing** out by using alternate pews is a simple way to help others.

**The Peace** will continue to be shared from where we stand.

**Communion** also continues in the same format as we have used during the restrictions with the Priest bringing the consecrated wafers to the congregation.

**Hospitality** at the end of services continues to be suspended, however, we hope to be able to reintroduce this in September.

**Test & Trace** continues in line with best practice advice.



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## Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders. Our next meetings are on 01/12/21 and 05/01/22 at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number.

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking his rest days on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is at 11:00 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at **St John the Evangelist, East Witton - all are welcome**

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## No Oasis - Please!

*From Lisle Ryder, St Patrick's Environment Representative.*

In the light of banning by the Royal Horticultural Society at its shows, please would those arranging flowers not use floral foam usually sold as Oasis. Through its use of microplastics, it causes serious pollution to the environment. Disposal of remains should not be added to compost, and particles should not be allowed into drains. Alternatives include glass beads or chicken wire scrunched into a vase.

For more info please see this article - <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/24-september/news/uk/bishop-backs-campaign-for-more-sustainable-approach-to-flower-arranging>

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## Crakehall Youth Club

St Gregory's Crakehall Youth Club  
We are back ... and about time too

One Friday in every month from 19:00-21:00 at Crakehall Village Hall. Bridging the gap between primary and secondary school and open to kids in Year 6 to Year 9/10. An evening of catching up with friends, playing organised games, a quiet moment, a tuck shop and a whole lot of fun. For young people who currently attend Y6 or have attended the village school, live in the village, wider parish, and Lower Wensleydale Benefice.



We are coming back soon for two random dates remaining in 2021 - Friday 12th November and Friday 10th December. And then on into 2022 ....

With updated safeguarding procedures in place, please don't just drop off your son/daughter and leave. We have new registration forms that need completing before we can take responsibility for your child. Plus, it would be lovely to say hello.

Fancy helping, we would also be keen to hear from you. Subject to DBS and safeguarding training. Former member of the Youth Club over the years and fancy lending a hand please get in touch. Why not give the 'nicest' youth club in North Yorkshire a try?

If you have any questions, please speak to:

Trevor Starkey (tel. 07889 466 233), Gilly & Colin Bartram,

Louise Shepherd (Crakehall School), Peter Lohmeyer (Village Hall Committee),

Rev'd Chris Lawton (Church tel. 01677 937 124)

**St Patrick's** **Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**10:00-12:30**

**Christmas Fair**

**Coffee Morning**  
**Stalls** **Games**  
**Raffle** **Crafts**

Lower Wensleydale

*All proceeds to support the charitable work of St Patrick's Church Patrick Brompton*

### Parish Lunch

Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at The Old Horn, Spennithorne 12:30 for 13:00.

Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at The Queens Head, Finghall 12:00 for 12:30.

Please book in with the Pub for Spennithorne - 01969 622 370

Please let Myra know by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> for Finghall- 01677 427 970

The two-course lunch will cost £11. **All Are Welcome (from any Parish!)**



### Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

**Tuesday afternoons at 16:00** - Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Living God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

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Sue Bianco: 01677 450009 [susanbianco54@gmail.com](mailto:susanbianco54@gmail.com)

## Coffee Morning

*From Liz*

Thank you to all who came to support our Friends of Mettupalayam Coffee Morning this week.

We raised £810 I was overwhelmed.

If you would like to know more about this charity please visit Friends of Mettupalayam -

[Changing Lives, A Rural Development Project in South India](#)



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## Community News

**Bedale Community Library** Make new friends, learn new skills, support your community. Bedale Community Library is an asset supported by many local people. To extend the opening hours we need more volunteers to work in the library and do many tasks behind the scenes. Volunteers do 3 hour shifts in teams about 3 times a month, on dates they choose. Full training is given. If you would like to know more please email us - [committee@bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:committee@bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk) or call into the library in Bedale Hall - the volunteers will welcome you. Tuesday and Friday 10-12 and 2-4. Saturday 10-12.

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

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**Events at Constable Burton Reading Room** Christmas Celebration Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 21

Constable Burton Reading Room is the venue for mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas carols on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 14:00 til 17:00. Weather permitting this will be outside so 'wrap up warm!' Santa will be in his grotto from 16:00 til 17:00. The cost per child will be £5. Advanced bookings for Santa are advisable through Hilly Dobson on 01677 450 460. There will also be a Christmas Cake Competition and a Christmas Raffle.

The community of Constable Burton look forward to greeting you there and wish you all a Very Happy Christmas! For details and other events please see the village website <https://constableburton.org/> or see the village noticeboard.



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## Andrew Wallach

We were very sorry to hear that Andrew had died on 4<sup>th</sup> November after a short illness.

Before moving to Devon a few years ago Andrew was well known locally as a cricket umpire with Christine managing the catering at High Parks for a while. More significantly and longer ago after a rather traumatic break with the Exclusive Brethren their faith in God and in Christ held firm. Moving north they much appreciated being made welcome at St Patrick's to continue on the next stage in their faith journey, with both supporting the Church on the PCC. As we remember him in prayer, we also remember how Christine depended on him for support and pray for her in this time of loss and grief. As well as practical support may she find consolation and peace from God.

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## Liberia News



**Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes** Simon is a dentist leading a team at a clinic at the Eternal Love Winning All (ELWA) Hospital in Monrovia. Grace is a nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. The couple are sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM) **Rosemary Gaven** is our local contact and keeps us update with the news they send. Simon says Grace had a wonderful change of pace and scenery in Johannesburg getting to know their lovely baby grandson Nathan and says that Alison and Charles are doing brilliantly with early parenthood! Grandpa is not to be out left out and so they will both be going to spend three weeks with the family in Johannesburg leaving just before Christmas.

Grace arrived back in Liberia in early November and hit the ground running. Another ETAT Training course was held last week, and she arrived in time to offer closing inspirational remarks at the certificate ceremony!

Simon is part of a team searching for hospital board members from all over, interviewing them for suitability and passion to see the hospital flourish. Grace has just recently been asked to join another team in search of a new country Director for SIM as their current Director is retiring in August 2022. This will need lots of prayer for God's choice, meetings, some strong discussions, and Grace taking the notes and distributing them. This will take a lot of time over the coming months.

Simon is still waiting for the payment process for the panoramic x-ray machine. They are all delighted that Eddie has progressed to his third year so three more years to go! Simon is still waiting for any response from Nairobi Dental School about Wannie's application. As Simon says there is plenty to keep them on their toes and out of mischief!

Prayers are ongoing and greatly needed to keep all these going well and on track. Simon and Grace are truly grateful for every prayer said for them and their needs to be met.

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## And Finally

### *From Fr Philip*

So I thought I would look on a certain mail-order website for Advent Calendars.

Naturally, there were the regular 24 different chocolates but perhaps to look for something different?

Sorry, I have grown out of 24 different Lego characters to assemble – perhaps the nearest to the Christmas Story; and even 24 different Thomas the Tank Engine toys did not appeal. Assembling a Porsche 911 over 24 days might be interesting but perhaps assembling an aeroplane might be more appropriate in advance of the “flight into Egypt”?

24 different miniature Gin's might appeal to some, but I could not find the 24 different Whisky one so still looking! 24 miniature wine bottles seemed more attractive, for purely medicinal purposes, of course, but not quite in the spirit of things!

For the abstemious, there are of course 24 different teas to be drunk or 24 different jams to try over breakfast. For the movie enthusiast, there is the Harry Potter selection or even a Dr Who TARDIS with 24 intergalactic treats, but I did not relish spending over £100 on that.

In exasperation, I retyped the item request as “traditional Advent Calendar” and received a selection of Santa, Robin, Reindeer, and snow scenes. Oh well.

I know “Christmas Religious Advent Calendar” – hooray found one only £2.99 with an explanation of the Christmas story from Advent Sunday to Christmas Day on each door.

Why was that process so difficult? Going to a secular website rather than a religious one might have been the problem but does the selection not simply represent the purchasing habits of society in general? Perhaps if we shared our enthusiasm in the joy of anticipation, of growing towards the coming of the Christ Child, of the thrill of Christmas Day itself and the prospect of “God with Us” we might encourage others to join us.

***A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all – when it comes!***