



Church News for 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ & Plough Sunday

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.

Sunday 9th January **Baptism of Christ & Plough Sunday**

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

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

10:45 [Plough Sunday Family Service](#) - St Mary's Hornby

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

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

Readings Isaiah 43.1-7, *Psalm 29*, Acts 8.14-17, & Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Collect Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

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

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

Sunday 16th January **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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 Simply Together - St Gregory's Crakehall

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

Readings Isaiah 62.1-5, *Psalm 36.5-10*, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, & John 2.1-11

Collect Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



During the week

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

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

Sunday 23rd January **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

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 Baptism followed by [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [Evening Prayer \(Taizé\)](#) – Zoom

Readings Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10, *Psalm 19**, 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a, & Luke 4.14-21

Collect Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

During the week

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

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

Sunday 30th January **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Phone Church

10:00 United BCP Holy Communion - St Oswald's Hauxwell

16:00 T.O.A.S.T.ingle - **Location to be confirmed**

Readings Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4, *Psalm 48*, 1 Corinthians 13.1-13, Luke 2.22-40

Collect God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

During the week

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

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

18:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - Candlemas St Oswald's Hauxwell

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.

For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

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

With the introduction of 'Plan B'

Our approach here in Lower Wensleydale for the moment is

Masks are required when inside the building except when leading or singing a part of a choir.

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

The Peace will continue to be shared from where we sit or 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.



Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd February at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number. (If a change is announced from No. 10, then a meeting will take place the following day in the normal manner) Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 9th January at 09:45 Rev'd Chris will be taking his rest days on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th January.

St Patrick's PCC is on Monday 10th at 16:00 in the Schoolroom
St Mary's PCC is on Thursday 13th at 14:30 in Church
St Gregory's PCC is on Thursday 13th at 19:00 in Church

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is at 11:00 on Wednesday 26th January at St Mary, Wath - **all are welcome**

The January [Newsletter from The Diocese of Leeds](#) is now available.

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>

Parish Lunch

Wednesday the 12th of January at The Old Horn, Spennithorne 12:30 for 13:00.

Thursday the 20th of January at The Greyhound, Hackforth 12:00 for 12:30.

Please book in with the Pub for Spennithorne - 01969 622 370
Please let Myra know by the Monday for Hackforth- 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

St Gregory's Crakehall Educational Trust

- Do you need help with funding extra educational courses, sports training, or other educational activities?
- Do you live in or close to Crakehall and Langthorne?

Grants have been given in recent months for school trips, music lessons, post graduate education, attending Sports camp, etc.

Please let us know if the trust can help YOU!
The trustees meet three times a year.



The next meeting is on 3rd February 2022.

Application forms are in the Church Lobby and need to be in writing with details of the related expenses and need to be before the event takes place.

Applications in by 30th January 2022, please.

Please contact Mrs Pauline Irwin, Hollis Cottage, The Green, Crakehall, Bedale, North Yorkshire DL8 1HQ or via email at <mailto:pollyirwin@lcccommunications.com>

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 reports that Prof. Rob's visit went well and much progress was achieved with the curriculum for the Therapy School and a good meeting with the Health Minister. Eddie arrived home for two weeks. A team of ex-pat nurses, Grace and Simon, helped by a generous donation helped distribute a nice meal to the hospital staff thanking them for their work this year and was much appreciated. They went on leave on the 23rd December to join Alison, Charles and Nathan in Johannesburg for 3 weeks. They didn't know if they could fly but the ban was lifted at the last minute and they are very excited to see their family very soon and Grampa is looking forward to meeting his little grandson Nathan for the first time. God is good! They wish to thank all at St Gregory's and others for their continued support and prayers as they minister in Liberia and wish you all a Happy Christmas and send their love.

And Finally

From +Helen-Ann Ripon.

Amongst the many news headlines recently, one in particular caught my eye: 'James Webb: A \$10bn machine in search of the end of darkness'. The story concerns a new telescope that is due to be launched this month. This telescope, it is hoped, will look deeper into space than ever before, and in so doing will look back in time. The story posed the question that the telescope will help us answer: where do we come from? That's a question that could be answered in a number of ways, but asked in this context it's an invitation perhaps to ponder our existence in a more profound way? Christmas at its core is about God becoming human in Jesus Christ. From that, so much unfolds; a bit like the emergence of light at the dawn of time, that spread so rapidly. The birth of Jesus brought that light into a new perspective: illuminating our world in ways that continue to resonate. Perhaps part of our role as disciples is to help that divine light to shine more brightly in our communities? Sometimes that requires the light to illumine our own lives in new ways, and that might not always be a comfortable experience! Whatever the case may be, John puts it like this in his prologue (1.5): 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it'.



1Photo of an angel from the home of the Archbishop of Polynesia, Suva, Fiji (Advent 2016)

I am immensely grateful for all that you do; often quietly, persistently and alone, going above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you. I very much hope and pray that amidst the busyness of the coming weeks, there will an opportunity for rest and refreshment.

As we continue to navigate the complex uncertainties and anxieties of our current age, my prayer this Christmas is for the light of Christ to continue to shine. In the words of Bernadette Farrell's hymn: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today'.

Happy Christmas, and all prayers and best wishes for 2022!