

For your prayers.....

The Schools & Colleges in the Parish, especially.....
The staff and students of Selby High School, and the children in Year 6 at the Abbey School and their staff, Katy Ferguson and Lucy Saunders.

For the members of our Parochial Church Council and its committees.

For all those who will be attending the 'Light up a Life' Service this afternoon.

The sick

Stuart, Les Woodhouse, Brian Porter, John Fleming, Bishop John Thomson, Dave Shepherd, William Bramley, Tony Thackwray, Maureen Yates, Michael Warren, Ted Fenton, Lionel Doré, Ellie Haw, Jean, Nancy Hart, Marlene Ward, Peter Cundiff, Sheila Baskerville, Carol Ward, Audrey Clarkson, Charles Beecher, Amy Plowes, Lucian and Anne Abbey.

The departed

Darren James and Joan Crosby.

Parish Diary	
Sunday 9th Dec	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist
4.00 pm	'Light up a Life' Service
6.30 pm	Evensong (said)
8.00 pm	'After 8' Service
Monday 10th	
11.30 am	Wholeness and Peace
12.00 noon	Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	
2.00 pm	Holy Communion— <i>St Richards</i>
6.00 pm	'Alive' Youth Group
Wednesday 12th	
12.00 noon	Advent Stations (<i>followed by soup</i>)
Thursday 13th	
10.00 am	Holy Communion
7.30 pm	Advent Course - <i>St Richards</i>
Friday 14th	
12.00 noon	Mid-day prayers— <i>Lady Chapel</i>
6.30 pm	Selby College Awards Evening
Sunday 16th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist
6.30 pm	Carol Service

Jake would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and best wishes last week, and looks forward to his continued ministry among you.

Selby Abbey

Welcome Worship Witness



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9th December 2018

HYMNS, READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY

Organ Music:

Meditation on a Herefordshire Tune—*Jarvis*

HYMN 1

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides and heals and makes us whole.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Words from 'Hymns Old & New'

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The Lighting of the Advent Candle

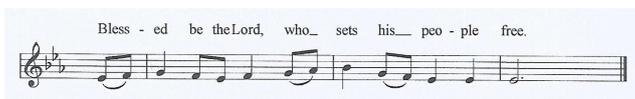
Cantor Blessed are you Sovereign Lord,
Choir Just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our day you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we might be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement

Cantor For you are our light and our salvation
Choir Blessed be God for ever

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. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE: Luke 1: 68-79



Choir Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.
All Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Choir 'Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

All Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Choir Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fore bears and to remember his holy covenant.

All Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Choir This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life.

All Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

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Requests for Baptism and Marriage

Please call in to the Abbey office between the hours of 9am and 1pm on Monday to Friday or telephone 01757 703123
Email: office@selbyabbey.org.uk

NOTICES

Julie Watson is at Drax and Carlton this morning.

A big '**thank you**' to everyone who helped or supported the concert yesterday evening.

'After Eight' Service

This Service continues on Sunday evenings at 8.00 pm. However, during December there will be a service this evening and on the 23rd December, but not on the 16th or 30th December. Would anyone interested in contributing to the music at this service please contact Rebecca or John Watkins Tel 07725183732 or 07895216171 or e.john.watkins@gmail.com or boowhoimboo@gmail.com.

'Alive' Weekly Youth Group

This will continue on Tuesday evenings at 6.00 pm.

Fellowship Groups

The next meeting of the Evening Fellowship Group will be a bring-and-share meal at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 19th December** at John and Mandy Watkins' house in Booth. All welcome. For further information and/or a lift, contact Chris Bywell on 01757 241723 or chrisbywell@yahoo.co.uk.

Afternoon Fellowship Group and Advent Stations

The Afternoon Fellowship Group will not be meeting in December, but will resume in January. However, they will be taking part in Advent Stations of the Cross on **Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 19th December** at 12.00 noon, followed by soup. Please come and join them.

Advent Course

Continuing on **Thursday 13th and 20th December** at 7.30 pm at St Richards, looking at the Letters to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is love.

Words from 'Hymns Old & New'

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Organ Music:

Variations on 'Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland'
Sweelinck

Forthcoming Concerts, Events and Christmas Services

This afternoon at 4.00 pm St Leonard's Hospice
Light up a Life Service

Sunday 16th December at 6.30pm

Abbey Carol Service - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4.00 pm Children's Crib Service

11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Choir You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. To give his people knowledge of salvation, by the forgiveness of their sins.

All Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Choir By the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

All Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

HYMN 2

Hark! a herald voice is calling;
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiv'n;

So when next he comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May we then, as our defender,
On the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run.

Words from 'Hymns Old & New'

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The gospel reader proclaims a sentence of scripture

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord
**All Praise to you, O Christ
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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HYMN 3

Come down, O Love Divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
Nor can we guess its grace,
Till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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During communion, the Choir will sing the Anthem:

The truth from above - *English Traditional Carol*
arr. Vaughan Williams

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

HYMN 4

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To let the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.