

# Weekly notice sheet

## Sunday 2nd December 2018

### Advent Sunday



#### **8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

The service begins on **page 293** of the Prayer Book. The Collect and Readings for The First Sunday in Advent can be found on **page 87**.

#### **10.00am All-age Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism**

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

President: Canon Clare MacLaren

Preacher: The Dean

#### **12.30pm The Big Sunday Lunch – with students from the city**

#### **4.00pm Advent Carol Service**

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

### **Welcome**

We warmly welcome all who are with us for today's services. We extend a particular welcome to Thomas and Vanessa, who have brought their son Donald for baptism this morning, and to their family and friends. If you are visiting, or are here for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy.

### **Crèche**

During the Sung Eucharist on Sunday mornings, there are books and toys for young children in St George's Chapel, for parents and carers who would like to take their child/children for a few minutes during the service. The service is relayed into the chapel, to enable parents and carers to continue to follow what is going on in the Eucharist.

### **Junior Church**

There is no Junior Church today, as this morning's Sung Eucharist is an all-age service.

### **Cathedral clergy helping in the Diocese**

The Cathedral clergy offer to officiate in parishes in the Diocese which are currently without an Incumbent or where their priest is on holiday or unwell. Canon Skinner is at St Thomas the Martyr, in the city, this morning.

## **Cathedral's Patronal Festival – Saturday this week, 8th December Sung Eucharist at 11.00am**

Sung by the choirs of Newcastle and Durham Cathedrals

President: The Dean

Preacher: Canon John Sinclair

### **Christmas services and events – two things**

1. Flyers are available on the Welcome Desk at the back of the Cathedral, giving details of Christmas services and events.

2. Please might you be able to help with stewarding for services and events during the forthcoming busy period? Even if you can help on just one occasion, that would be greatly appreciated. Please speak with John Stephenson or with one of the clergy. Thank you.

### **House Group**

The House Group, to which all are welcome, is intended to help us grow in our Christian faith and life and to get to know each other better. The next meeting will be at **8.00pm on Tuesday this week, 4th December**, at the home of Ruth Lunn (Silver Birches, 73 Montagu Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4JN). We will be continuing our study of Luke's Gospel. If you would like to know more, please speak with Canon Harvey or Ruth Lunn – or simply come to the next meeting.

### **Bible Study Group**

This lively and stimulating group meets in the Education Centre at **11.00am on Thursdays**. The current focus is on *The Acts of the Apostles*. All are welcome.

### **Next Sunday – 9th December**

#### **Advent 2**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

President: Canon Steven Harvey

Preacher: Canon Clare MacLaren

**12.30pm The Big Lunch** – with students from the city

**NB There will be no Choral Evensong next Sunday, because of the Marie Curie 'Lights to Remember' Service at 3.00pm.**

## **Advent Quiet Day – ‘Three in One and One in Three’**

**Shepherds Dene – Wednesday 12th December – 9.30am – 4.00pm**

Come and enjoy a relaxing quiet day, reflecting on Advent from three different but interconnected perspectives. The day will be led for us by one of the Honorary Canons, The Revd Canon Eileen Noble. Cost: £21.00. Please book with Canon Harvey.

## **Looking for something to read during Advent?**

The bookstall has been restocked. The new material includes books to help us in our preparation for, and celebration of, the great festival of Christmas. The books include ***Advent for Everyone: A Journey through Luke*** by Tom Wright; ***The Art of Advent: A painting a day from Advent to Epiphany*** by Jane Williams; and ***A Shaking Reality: Daily reflections for Advent*** by Peter Price. There are also books for children. Advent Sunday marks the beginning of Lectionary Year C, during which the Gospel passage which we will hear most Sundays will be from Luke's Gospel. In addition to the Tom Wright book mentioned above, the bookstall has copies of ***Journeying with Luke: Lectionary Year C*** by James Woodward, Paula Gooder and Mark Pryce.

## **Other resources for Christmas**

The Church of England has produced some resources to help with preparation for, and celebration of, Christmas. These are available at: [www.churchofengland.org/Christmas](http://www.churchofengland.org/Christmas).

## **Launch of online Bible-and-art project**

A £2million online project has been launched with the aim of presenting the Bible afresh to a visual generation. **The Visual Commentary on the Bible** matches three works of art with passages of scripture. Each triptych is chosen by a theologian or an art historian, who also writes a short commentary on each picture, relating it to the Bible passage – and then a fourth commentary bringing all four elements together. The images secured for the site are high resolution, and there is a powerful zoom facility so that users can contemplate the artworks in detail. There are currently 50 triptychs on the site, and the aim is to have 1500 by the end of the seven-year project. The site is at: <https://thevcs.org>.

## **Organ Recitals – Mondays at 1.05pm**

These recitals, on the Cathedral's Lewis/Harrison/Nicholson organ, last for 40 minutes. Admission is free, but there is a retiring collection (suggested donation: £5). The recital tomorrow, **3rd December**, will be given by **Michael Haynes** (Hexham Abbey).

## Friday 14th December at 7.30pm – Christmas Extravaganza with the New Tyneside Orchestra and the Choir of Newcastle Cathedral

A spectacular evening of Christmas music hosted by BBC Radio Newcastle's Anna Foster. The evening is in aid of Newcastle Cathedral's Sponsor a Chorister Fund. Tickets £15 (plus booking fee) from:

<https://christmas-extravaganza.eventbrite.co.uk>.

## Friday 21st December at 5.00pm – Walking Nativity

Join us for a lantern procession (with lots of carols) from Newcastle Central Station to the Cathedral, following Mary and Joseph on their journey. The Walking Nativity will last for about 45 minutes. It will be followed by a free half-hour concert by Newcastle's wonderful ROCK CHOIR! Meet in the portico at the entrance to Central Station for a 5.00pm start.

## Daily Prayer

Members of the congregation and visitors are invited to join in with the daily round of prayer and worship at the Cathedral.

	7.30am	8.00am			5.30pm
Monday	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion			Evensong*
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion		Holy Communion 12.30pm	Evensong*
Wednesday	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion		Holy Communion 10.30am	Evensong*
Thursday	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion		Holy Communion 12.30pm	Evensong*
Friday	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion			Evening Prayer
Saturday (and Bank Holidays)			Morning Prayer 8.30am	Holy Communion 9.00am	

\* *In Choir Term. In holiday periods, unless there is a visiting Choir, Evening Prayer is said.*

The full list of services, presidents, officiants, preachers and music is available on the Welcome Desk and on the Cathedral's website –

[www.stnicholascathedral.co.uk](http://www.stnicholascathedral.co.uk)

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