

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 23rd and 30th December 2018
Advent 4 and Christmas 1



Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

The service begins on **page 293** of the Prayer Book. The Collect and Readings for The Fourth Sunday in Advent can be found on **page 93**.

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sung by the Cathedral Choir
President: Canon Steven Harvey
Preacher: Canon Jean Skinner

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Welcome

We warmly welcome all who are with us for today's services. 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. Junior Church resumes on Sunday 6th January.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

11.00am Crib Service

6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass

President: The Dean

Preacher: Canon Steven Harvey

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Festal Eucharist

President: The Bishop of Newcastle

Preacher: The Dean

Christmas Day Lunch – Please see Fr Thomas for details

Next Sunday – 30th December Christmas 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Said Eucharist with hymns

President: The Dean

Preacher: Canon Steven Harvey

4.00pm Evening Prayer (Said)

Sunday 6th January – The Feast of the Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

President: Canon John Sinclair

Preacher: The Dean

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

Looking for something to read?

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 marked 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.

Bible Study Group

This lively and stimulating group meets in the Education Centre at **11.00am on Thursdays**. Following the Christmas break, meetings will resume on **Thursday 10th January**. The group will be continuing with their study of *The Acts of the Apostles*. All are welcome.

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 Wednesday 16th January** at the home of Ruth Lunn (Silver Birches, 73 Montagu Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4JN). We will be beginning our study of John Pritchard's recently published book *Five events that made Christianity*. If you would like to know more, please speak with Canon Harvey or Ruth Lunn – or simply come to the next meeting.

Step Forward – and consider ordained ministry in the Church of England

On **Saturday 2nd March 2019** there is to be a free day conference hosted by the Archbishop of York at Bishopthorpe, York. This 'Step Forward.....' day has been running for several years and has helped over 500 people aged 18 to 30, from all sorts of traditions, to find a vocation to ordained ministry. Further information about the day can be found at:

www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk. Archbishop John Sentamu writes: 'Serving God is one of the best things you can do with your life, and there are many ways to carry out this calling. If you are a Christian aged between 18 and 30, might God be encouraging you to consider ordained ministry in the Church of England?' Please have a word with Canon Harvey if you would like to know more about the 'Step Forward.....' day.

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). There is no recital tomorrow, **24th December**. The next recital is on **Monday 31st December** and will be given by **Charles Wooler** (Newcastle upon Tyne).

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

If you would like to include an item on this notice sheet please contact Canon Steven Harvey on 0191 232 1939 or email steven.harvey@stnicholascathedral.co.uk