

St Mary Magdalene, Altofts and St Luke the Evangelist, Charlston

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Please pray for the sick especially:

Christine.

Please pray for the long-term sick and housebound: Jackie

Please pray for the departed especially:

Louise, Anne, Christine, William, Sheila, Clive, Eddie

About today: Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the Second Coming of the Lord - not so much on the run up to Christmas (until the last week). If we view Advent as a preparation for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it's about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, is a confusing figure: but his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Today we have a very graphic reference to the end of time and the Second Coming in the reading from Saint Peter; it is a frightening picture, and so the first reading offers tender words of comfort to help us understand who is coming, and why we should be ready to meet him.

Sunday 6 December 2020

Year B Advent 2

(Year i - Psalter Week 2)

"Everyone is welcome at God's table"

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Vacant



This Week – Audio Church

Bells on Sunday	Sunday	0543	BBC Radio 4
Sunday Worship	Sunday	0810	BBC Radio 4
Choral Evensong	Sunday	1500	BBC Radio 3 (Repeated Wednesday 1530)
Prayer for the Day	Everyday	0543	BBC Radio 4
Daily Service	Weekday	0945	BBC Radio 4 LW

Telephone Church

Hear a daily recording of the psalm of the day, bible readings and prayers. Call anytime on 01226 668771.

Online Church

Services are uploaded onto the church You Tube Channel (Altofts and Sharlston Churches) along with a meditation on the Sunday gospel reading. For more detailed copies of the services please look at the Universalis website.

Sanctuary lamps burn at St Mary's to the glory of God and in memory of **Rodney Marshall Priest** (Aumbry) **Samuel Birkby** (Our Lady) **John Buxton** (Requiem Altar) and at St Luke's to the glory of God and the life and witness of the parish (Aumbry)

Advent Resources.

In addition to the Advent Booklet published this weekend and delivered this week, there is also an online Advent course with our friends at Ryhill, South Kirby, Grimethorpe, Brierley and Cudworth via zoom on Tuesdays at 1400hrs and Sundays at 1800hrs and then uploaded onto YouTube. If you would like the link for zoom please email Fr David or you can join on the phone, do ask Fr David for more details.

Bambinelli Sunday.

Do bring your baby Jesus from your crib set to church for blessing at Mass next Sunday.

Weekday Mass.

Please note the change of time of masses this week on Tuesday and Friday due to funerals in church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent is the traditional time to make our confession, please do speak to Fr David privately if you would like to make your confession, or would like to find out more, or have a spiritual chat.

Christmas Services.

At the time of writing it is suggested that this year there will be a **Candlelit Bethlehem Midnight Mass at St Mary's at 2100hrs** where we will celebrate mass when it is midnight in Bethlehem. The **Mass of the Day on Christmas Day** will take place at **St Luke's at 0930hrs** and at **St Mary's at 1030hrs**, whilst in previous years a mass has not been offered on Christmas Day at Altofts through lack of attendance due to people travelling to see family, this year is very different so please do support these services and spread the word. **Masses will also be offered during the octave (week) of Christmas.** In the Octave, each day is like Christmas Day. For those who are shielding or wishing to attend a mass where fewer are gathered and there is even less risk of infection, attending a mass during the octave fulfils the obligation of making our Christmas communion. Masses will be offered at various times that week to account for individual circumstances and commitments for convenience. .

Crib Service and Christingle.

Sadly, it looks as if it will not be able to provide our Crib and Christingle services in the usual format this year. Fr David is looking at other options so watch this space.

This Week

Sunday 6 December(Advent 2)

0930	Parish Mass	St Luke's
1000	Said Mass You Tube (Altofts and Charlston Churches)	
1100	Parish Mass	St Mary's

Monday 7 December St Ambrose, Bishop Doctor

1000	Funeral Interview	St Mary's
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Tuesday 8 December The Immaculate Conception of BVM, Solemnity

0900	Funeral Interview	St Luke's
1030	Funeral Liturgy	St Luke's
1115	Committal Liturgy	Charlston Cemetery
1430	Funeral Liturgy	Darrington Cemetery
1600	Said Mass <u>(note change of time)</u>	St Mary's

Wednesday 9 December Feria

1200	Said Mass You Tube (Altofts and Charlston Churches)	
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Thursday 10 December Our Lady of Loreto

1900	Said Mass	St Mary's
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Friday 11 December St Damasus 1, Pope

0915	Said Mass <u>(note change of time)</u>	St Luke's
1100	Funeral Liturgy	St Mary's
1215	Committal Liturgy	Pontefract Crematorium
1315	Funeral Liturgy	St Mary's
1430	Committal Liturgy	Pontefract Crematorium

Saturday 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday 13 December (Advent 3)

0930	Parish Mass	St Luke's
1000	Said Mass You Tube (Altofts and Charlston Churches)	
1100	Parish Mass	St Mary's

Admission of Churchwardens

Churchwardens are called to represent the people of God; to work with the leadership of the parish, ordained and lay; to be an example and encouragement to their fellow Christians and the wider community; and to promote unity and peace. As you come to be admitted to the office of churchwarden, I ask you to affirm your commitment to this calling, and to seek God's grace and the power of his Holy Spirit to fulfil it. Will you, as churchwarden, seek to work with the Bishop, your incumbent, the Parochial Church Council, and all those who exercise leadership responsibility in your church, to further the mission of God and his purposes in the world?

Churchwardens: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Will you undertake your task as a spiritual and holy calling, and seek in word and action to promote unity and peace?

Churchwardens: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Will you care for the fabric and property of the church, as stewards of God, and make it your responsibility to ensure its proper upkeep and repair?

Churchwardens: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

May God be your helper, and give you grace to serve him with joy, with humility and with strength. And may your ministry as Churchwarden witness to the gospel of Christ, and serve the building of his kingdom and his Church, now and always.

All **Amen.**

The churchwardens make their declaration saying line by line after the Archdeacon or his representative

I solemnly and sincerely declare before God and his people that I will faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of the Office of Churchwarden for the parish for which I have been chosen during the period of my appointment.

I now duly and canonically admit you as Churchwardens of the parish in which you serve. As God has called you to this ministry, so he will not fail you.

Dedication to Service

The Archdeacon or his representative addresses the whole congregation

Brothers and sisters, will you work with your Churchwardens to strengthen the Body of Christ and promote the mission of the Church in your parishes?

All **With the help of God, we will.**