



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET

# One Faith One Family

## **This week : 1st Sunday of Advent Sunday 3rd December**

*Isaiah 64:1-9 (page 704); Psalm 80:1-8 (page 552); 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (page 162); Mark 13:24-end (page 48)*

- **8.00am** - St. James' - Holy Communion
- **9.30am** - St. Mary's - Holy Communion
- **9.30am** - St. Aidan's - Service of the Word
- **10.00am** - Stannington - Holy Communion
- **11.15am** - St. James'. - Simply Worship
- **6.00pm** - St Mary's. - Advent Carol Service

## **Next week: 2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday 10th December**

*Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-end; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.*

- **8.00am** - St. James' - Holy Communion
- **9.30am** - St. Mary's - Simply Worship
- **9.30am** - St. Aidan's. - Holy Communion
- **10.00am** - Stannington - Holy Communion
- **11.15am** - St. James' - Simply Worship
- **6.00pm** - St. James' - Evening Prayer

## **Monday 4th December-Morning Prayer**

**9.00am-St James'**-30 minutes of prayer and readings-All welcome

## **Thursday 7th December Holy Communion**

**9.30am** - St Aidan's - coffee after the service

## **Morning Prayer on Zoom - all are welcome to join us**

**8.00am** - Monday + Wednesday + Friday

**9.00 am** - Tuesday + Thursday

Meeting ID: 831 6322 4808

Passcode: Morpeth123

## **May they rest in Peace**

Frank Beaton Monday 4th December 11.00am St. Mary's

We also pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.

**The Parish Book Club**  
**Saturday 27th January 2024**

(Advance notice so we can start reading!)

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club will be in Room 5 of the new Morpeth Leisure Centre beginning at 10.30 on Saturday 27 January 2024. We will be discussing 'The Whalebone Theatre' by Joanna Quinn. All are welcome - including men. (If the cost of the book is a hindrance please have a word with Vivienne Sommerville - 01670 513181)

**Music in December**

There are lots of opportunities for festive music in our churches this month - please go along and support them

**Sing Morpeth Christmas Concert**

**Methodist Church Wed 6th Dec at 2.15pm**

Donations on the door (to be split between Wansbeck Food Bank, and Choir funds)

**Coquet Concert Band Christmas Concert -**

**St James' Saturday December 9th at 7pm**

An evening of festive music. Ticket £10 (cash) on the door children & students free. Proceeds towards church funds.

**Teddy King Big Band Christmas Concert**

**St. Aidan's Tuesday December 12th at 7.15pm**

Free! Donations welcome

**Monthly Groups...All are very Welcome!**

- Men's Breakfast—9th December 8.30am-See Cyril Meehan
- Julian Group-9th December 10.30am-St James'-Silent Prayer
- FEAST-15th Dec. -7.00pm-St Aidan's-See Val C. 07887594161
- Ladies' Breakfast- 16th Dec. -8.30am-See Rachel Anderson

**If you have something you would like to share with our parishes please send an e-mail to [news.morpethparish@gmail.com](mailto:news.morpethparish@gmail.com) by lunch time on Thursday.**

**For other Parish business please contact the Parish Office:**  
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# Northumbria Community Advent Candle Liturgy

## Advent Week 1

Within the deepest darkness  
the glowing light is lit.  
The darkness cannot put it out  
or do away with it.

This is the path that God marked,  
who said at the beginning, "let there be light".

And there was light:  
and God saw that the light was good.

For people walking in darkness  
a great light dawns.

The true light, which lightens everyone,  
is coming into the world.

The light shines in the darkness,  
the lights that the darkness cannot put out.

Today the first week of Advent,  
we light one candle.

**All : We mark out the Advent path with candle flames.**

*one purple candle is lit*

This is the path that God marked  
with light that shines in the darkness.

## Call and response

When our path is menaced by shadows,  
**All: circle me, Lord; keep light within, keep darkness without.**  
When our path is targeted by conflict,  
**All: circle me, Lord; keep love near, keep hatred afar.**  
When our path is threatened by worry,  
**All: circle me, Lord; keep peace within, keep fear without.**