

This week we pray especially for those living on Main Street, West Croft and Wharfedale View, and anyone who is unwell, feeling lonely or worried.

Pastoral support: St. Peter's is here to help you and those you are concerned about, in confidence. Please contact Judy Hutton, our pastoral co-ordinator, on 07989 306526.

There's a board in the hall foyer where you can pin Christmas greetings to the church family if you'd like to.

Please note 3 **corrections** to the December What's On leaflet: no Open Air Family Carols *Wednesday 17th December* (so, you can put those umbrellas and scarves away!); no Bible Study meeting *Thursday 18th December* (but, we can still use the time to "ponder in our hearts" the lessons of the Nativity); **Christmas Carol Service** *Sunday 21st December* now starts at **4pm** (not 6pm) (to avoid time clash with Tractor Run).

If you would like a **Hart 2025 calendar or Christmas cards**, please let Penny know **TODAY** so they can be ordered and delivered to you in time.

Tuesday 16th December, 7pm come for some **Christmas Cheer** at St. Peter's, festive favourites from the **Fairfax Singers**. community carols and refreshments - free! but donations (cash or card) welcomed for *Salvation Army Christmas Appeal*.

The Christmas **podcast** this year is entitled '**The Gift of Peace at Christmas**'. With a mix of music and words around the theme of peace, Mark explores with Jill Varley and Keith Boothroyd, the significance of peace as a Christmas gift, how Jesus as the Prince of Peace brings peace between God and humanity and, importantly, how to live out peace in our relationships. It's not too late to make suggestions for music that you would like to see included. Have a word with Penny today.

Please don't respond to any messages, emails or calls about the winter fuel allowance – they're all scams. Your allowance will be paid direct to you, you don't need to supply anyone with any details or apply for it. Don't be caught out - it's a massive scam and it comes in a number of forms.

Do come and be part of the **Messy Church Christingle** next Sunday, starting 4pm in the hall, then candlelit in church - a different way of meeting as all-age church.

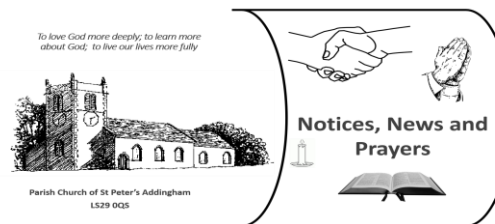
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7th - 14th December 2025

Welcome to St. Peter's

Today's 10am service is led by Rt. Rev. Paul Slater
If you can't be here in person, join the 10am livestreamed to our Facebook page (or dial in to listen by phone), or watch the recording later via our website.

This Week in Church:

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| Sunday 7 th | 08.30 | Said Holy Communion |
| | 10.00 | Said Parish Communion with hymns |
| | 10.00 | Children's Church |
| Monday 8 th | 09.30 | Silent Bell Ringing (in tower) |
| Tuesday 9 th | 11.00 | Funeral of Mrs Anne D'Arcy |
| Wednesday 10 th | 18.00 | Silent Bell Ringing (in tower) |
| Thursday 11 th | 09.00 | Church Cleaning |
| | 18.00 | Silent Bell Ringing (in tower) |
| Friday 12 th | 19.00 | Choir Practice |
| Sunday 14 th | 08.30 | Said Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10.00 | Parish Communion |
| | 10.00 | Children's Church |
| | 11.30 | Silent Bell Ringing (in tower) |
| | 16.00 | Messy Church Christingle making and candlelit service |

This Week in the Church Hall:

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| Sunday 7 th | 10.15 | Children's Church |
| Monday 8 th | 09.30 | Little Blossoms Babies & Toddlers |
| | 17.15 | 1 st Addingham Rainbows |
| | 18.45 | Yoga Group |
| Tuesday 9 th | 08.30 | Hall Cleaning |
| Wednesday 10 th | 13.00 | U3A Sewing Group |
| | 16.30 | Pilates |
| Thursday 11 th | 19.00 | Gong Baths |
| Friday 12 th | 19.00 | Ilkley Camera Club |
| Sunday 14 th | 16.00 | Messy Church Christingle making and candlelit service |

2nd Sunday of Advent

Hymns

767 Thou, whose almighty word

344 If you believe and I believe

474 Lord of Lords

798 We have a gospel to proclaim

The 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.

First Reading read by Ian Hepworth **Isaiah 1.1-10**

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth; for the LORD has spoken:
I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.
The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib;
but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.

Ah, sinful nation, people laden with iniquity,
offspring who do evil, children who deal corruptly,
who have forsaken the LORD,
who have despised the Holy One of Israel, who are utterly estranged!

Why do you seek further beatings?

Why do you continue to rebel?

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it,
but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds;
they have not been drained, or bound up, or softened with oil.

Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire;
in your very presence aliens devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.

And daughter Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard,
like a shelter in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.
If the LORD of hosts had not left us a few survivors,
we would have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel read by Lorinda Robinson

Matthew 3.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

The intercession prayers are led today by Chris Jackson

Post Communion

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.