



Sunday 18 December 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Beverley Minster.

If this is your first time here do introduce yourself to one of the welcomers or service leaders – and sign our visitors' book.

Please ask for a Welcome Pack if you would like to find out more about belonging to the Minster.

All are invited to refreshments in the South Transept (to the right of the Organ) after the service.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Advent 4
President & Preacher: Revd Gareth Atha
Readings p.52 of the BCP

Breakfast @ God's: After the 8 am service, Breakfast is served in the **Parish Hall** butties, toast, coffee and juice available until 9.30 am.

10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
President: Revd Gareth Atha; Preacher: Revd Jeremy Fletcher
Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16 (OT p.646); Romans 1: 1-7 (NT p.147)
Matthew 1: 18-end (NT p.1)
Hymns: 321, 467, 219, 329

If you would like someone to pray with you, please go through to the Quire during communion where members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available.

Sunday Club for young children meets on Sundays apart from the All-Age Service. Children go out to the South Transept in the second hymn, and return at the Peace.
Baby Changing: a mat and table are available in the clergy vestry – ask a virger or sidesman.

6.30 pm Churches Together in Beverley Carol Service in the Minster

Around the Churches Today

3.00 pm Carols at the Crib at St Leonard's, Molescroft

Gareth Atha

3.00 pm Carols at the Methodist Church, Tickton

Graham Collingwood

4.00 pm Carols at St Peter's, Woodmansey

Gill Pickford

4.00 pm Carols at All Saints', Routh

Jeremy Fletcher

Don't forget: if you Gift Aid your offering by using the yellow envelope (and filling it in!) we can get the tax back - £2.50 for every £10 given.

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The Magazine

for December and January is available. Only £1.

Please buy a couple and give one away – the Magazine is full of superb content and no adverts!

Communicating the Minster

Follow the Minster on **Twitter** @Bev_Minster (1100 followers) and like the Minster on **Facebook** (800+ 'likes'). The Minster **website** is www.beverleyminster.org.uk

Sign up for the monthly **Minster Email** – it goes to 800 people at the moment.

Go to the website to sign up - top right of every page.

This week at the Minster

Mon 19 December *No service of morning prayer*

Tues 20 December

10.00 am **Time Out** for young children and their carers, in the Parish Hall

3.30 pm **Messy Church** in the Minster

7.30 pm **'Moving On' Course** in the Peter Harrison Room

Weds 21 December:

12noon **Wedding:** Christopher Berry and Laura Mason in the Minster

No Emmaus Youth today

Thurs 22 December

10.00 am **Holy Communion (CW)** President & Preacher: Revd Gareth Atha

Fri 23 December

6.30 pm **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** in the Minster

Leader: Revd Jeremy Fletcher; Preacher: Revd Gareth Atha

Sat 24 December

1.30 pm & 3.00 pm **Crib Service** in the Minster

6.30 pm **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** in the Minster

11.30 pm **Midnight Communion** in the Minster

President: Revd Jeremy Fletcher; Preacher: Revd Gareth Atha

Sunday 25 December 2016 **Christmas Day**

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols**

President & Preacher: Revd Jeremy Fletcher *Readings p.54 of the BCP*

10.30 am **All-Age Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: Revd Jeremy Fletcher

Readings: Hebrews 1: 1-4 (NT p.215); John 1: 1-14 (NT p.88)

Around the Parishes

9.00 am Holy Communion (CW) at St Leonard's, Molescroft

Terry Munro

9.00 am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Woodmansey

Graham Collingwood

9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) at All Saints', Routh

Jeremy Fletcher

10.30 am Holy Communion at the Methodist Church, Tickton

Gareth Atha

A People of Prayer

Morning Prayer: *Tue – Fri 8.15 am in the Minster (not Mon).*

Evening Prayer: *Mon – Thu (not Fri) 5.00 pm in the Parish Centre. No Choral Evensong this week.*

This Week please pray for:

Mission Focus: Embrace the Middle East, which works with Christians in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, tackling poverty and injustice through social action. Pray for Refuge Egypt, working with people who have fled war torn countries in sub Saharan Africa, Syria and Iraq.

Woodmansey: Please pray for the residents of Shopeth Way and Hull Road (between King Street and Long Lane).

Weddings. Christopher Berry and Laura Mason are married at the Minster this week. Please pray for them as they begin married life together.

Funerals. Pray for those who mourn Brenda Simpson and Ivy Turner, whose funerals have taken place, and Norman Rush whose funeral is this week.

Our Churches at Advent and Christmas. Pray for a spirit of welcome as many people come to events and services; pray that they will come close to God and grow in faith.

The Prayer Box. The Prayer Ministry Team offers a confidential 'Prayer Circle' for anyone wishing for prayer to be said for friends & family suffering illness or any other trouble. The box for such requests is situated on the Book Trolley in the Nave.

Church Notices and News

Parish Centre Christmas Opening Hours.

The Parish Centre will close for Christmas on Friday 23 December 2016 at 5 pm.
It will reopen in the New Year on Tuesday 3 January 2017 at 9 am.

Thank you! Another fantastic Christmas Tree Festival which would not have been possible without our wonderful volunteers and staff. Thank you so much to everyone - seen and not seen. Wonderful fellowship. *The Christmas Tree Festival Team*

Weekly Giving envelopes for 2017 are available for collection **at the back of church.** Any queries to Graham Bolt (872576).

Christmas Card. We have printed thousands of Christmas Cards with details of the Minster's Christmas Services. Take as many as you would like to invite people to worship.

Christmas Services. We have added a **second service of Nine Lessons and Carols** this year: Friday 23 December at 6.30 pm. It will be identical to the Christmas Eve service. Please let people know – more chance of a seat!

The Big Christmas Card is at the back of church. Please use it to send your Christmas greeting to congregation members, and use the money saved to make a donation to Hull HARP (Hull Homeless And Rootless Project) in the envelopes provided.

Thank you. The annual thank-you letter from the Vicar to regular tax-efficient donors are now **at the Parish Centre** to be collected by donors who have not already done so.

Carols in the Pub (s)

Please come and swell the numbers, celebrating Christmas in song at our local pubs.

The Warton Arms, Woodmansey. A Celebration of Christmas with Carols led by Gareth Atha, 6 pm, Monday 19 December.

Tickton New Inn. Carol Singing led by Jeremy Fletcher and Richard Powell, 7 pm, Monday 19 December.

The Sun Inn. Beer and Carols led by Jeremy Fletcher and Robert Poyser, 8 pm. Wednesday 21 December.

The Monks Walk Pub. Singing led by Phil Simpson and Jessica Lawson, Thursday 22 December, 7.30 pm onwards.

Breakfast @ God's. There will be no Breakfast @ God's after the 8 am service on Sundays 25 December 2016 or 1 January 2017. Normal service will resume on Sunday 8 January.
Martin Doolan

Advance Notice: Quiz Night. Make a note in your new diary for 2017! Quiz Night in the Parish Hall on Saturday 4 February, 7.30 pm. Further details to come in January.

Prayer and Pizza. The next 'Prayer and Pizza' gathering will take place on **Friday 6 January** at the Monks Walk Pub.

Church Notices and News

The Old School House have invited us to sing Carols with residents and relatives on **Wednesday 28 December** at 2.30 pm. The presence of those from the church is a much appreciated reminder that people in residential care are not forgotten. Enthusiasm rather than brilliant singing is the order of the day! Please let Gareth Atha know if you can come, or phone Kate Powell on 01964 542189 for more info.

Have you lost a key? A key stamped with 'Curtis v-33' was found in the Peter Harrison Room on Friday 9 December. If it belongs to you, please contact the Parish Centre (868540).

Beverley Minster Junior Choir. A new choir for 5 to 8 year olds – no audition, and open to boys and girls. An opportunity to sing music of all styles and have fun! Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays, 4.30 pm – 5.15 pm in the Parish Hall. The choir will be led by Rachel Jerome. For more information, contact Robert Poyser (Director of Music) on 868540 or bmjchoir@gmail.com.

Download the Hymn Sheet! On today's sheet is a QR Code. This links to the page on our website, where you can download the hymn sheet to your phone or tablet (using the Minster's free WiFi) and view it at whatever size works for you.

Opportunities for Pastoral care

Norwood Leisure Day have some spare places for anyone interested. Mondays 10.30 am-1.30 pm at Norwood Methodist Church Hall. There is an activity or talk and a light lunch to follow. Transport can be provided. For further details and cost contact June Stephenson (881297).

Luncheon Club in Toll Gavel Church Hall, weekly on Tuesdays 12.30 pm – 1.45pm. A two course hot lunch is served followed by a cup of tea. Open to anyone who is interested. For further details about booking and cost please contact June Stephenson (881297).

Pebbles – Do you have young children to care for or know someone who does? The group for toddlers and their carers at St Leonard's church has re-started on Wednesdays. Toys, songs and crafts. No need to book, just drop in between 10.30 am and 12noon. Contact Gareth (gareth@beverleyminster.org.uk) or Ben (ben@beverleyminster.org.uk)

Take up your Cross. Could you lead processions in the Minster by carrying the cross? It's a much valued ministry, and we are without someone to do it. Please contact Jeremy (868540, vicar@beverleyminster.org.uk) if you would be interested.

Minster Men's Group. Men of the Minster are welcome to come to the Men's Group meeting in the Parish Hall on **the second Saturday of each month** at 8 am for Bacon Butties and conversation. Come along and enjoy the fellowship and banter between Christian men and bring along your non-Christian friends. For more details contact Robert Edwards on 637493.

As an aid to the care of one another, if you know a member of the congregation who is ill or in need, at hospital or at home, please notify the clergy via the Parish Centre (868540), having gained the permission of the individual to do so. All information will be treated confidentially. As well as clergy there are members of our congregation who can visit, take communion or offer help in other ways.