



Sunday 17 December 2017

Third 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. 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 3
President & Preacher: Revd Canon Jonathan Baker
Readings p.51 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 Canon Jonathan Baker Preacher: Anne Almond
Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end (OT p.702); 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 (NT p.202);
John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (NT p.88)
Hymns: 447, 136, 401, 358
Psalm: 126

6.30 pm Churches Together Beverley Service
Leader: CTB
See Order of Service

Around the Churches Today

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church, Woodmansey
3.00 pm Carols at the Church in Tickton
3.00 pm 9 Lessons & Carols at St Leonard's Church, Molescroft
4.00 pm Carols at All Saints', Routh

James Heale
Jonathan Baker
Peter Wadsworth
David Jefferson

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. *giftaid it*

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.

Prayer Ministry: More people are needed to do Prayer Ministry on a Sunday morning. Please contact Marjorie Neaum (887825) if this is something you could do.

This week at the Minster

Mon 18 December

- 9.15 am** **Morning Prayer** *in the Minster*
Join the Minster Staff to pray for our mission and ministry
- 3.00 pm** **Bench Blessing** *in the Minster Churchyard*
- 7.00 pm** **Molescroft Primary School Christmas Concert**
for pupils, families and staff at the school.

Tues 19 December

- 10.00 am** **Time Out** *for young children and their carers, in the Parish Hall*
- 3.30 pm** **Messy Church** *in the Parish Hall*
- 6.45 pm** **Minster Primary School Carol Concert**
for pupils, families and staff at the school.

Wed 20 December

- 7.00 pm** **East Riding Schools Music Service**
- 7.30 pm** **Emmaus Youth** *in the Parish Hall*

Thurs 21 December

- 10.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)** *President & Preacher: Revd Canon Peter Wadsworth*
- 4.30 pm** **Junior Choir Christmas Concert** *in the Parish Hall*
- 9.00 pm** **Compline** *Leader: Revd Canon Jonathan Baker*

Fri 22 December

- 1.30 pm** **Beverley High School Carols**
for pupils and staff at the school.

Sat 23 December

- 6.30 pm** **Nine Lessons and Carols** *Leader: Revd Canon Jonathan Baker*

Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve

- 9.30 am** **Holy Communion (CW)** *Advent 4*
President & Preacher: Revd Canon Jonathan Baker
- 1.30 pm** **Crib Service**
Leader: Ben Merrell
- 3.00 pm** **Crib Service**
Leader: Ben Merrell
- 6.30 pm** **Nine Lessons and Carols**
Leader: Revd Canon Jonathan Baker
- 11.30 pm** **Midnight Holy Communion (CW)**
President & Preacher: Revd Canon Jonathan Baker

Around the Parishes

No Service at St Leonard's, Molescroft

- 4.00 pm** Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Woodmansey
- 4.00 pm** Christingle at the Church in Tickton

Jonathan Baker
Team

A People of Prayer

Morning Prayer: *Mon 9.15am in the Minster; Tues – Fri 8.15 am in the Parish Centre.*

Evening Prayer: *Mon – Wed and Fri 5pm in the Parish Centre. Thurs 9.00 pm Compline in the Minster.*

This Week please pray for:

Mission Focus: Jacob's Well – Please pray for the safe passage of containers all urgently needed in many foreign destinations.

Woodmansey: Please pray for the residents of Plaxton Bridge Road, Warton Drive and the Caravan site.

Church Notices and News

Items for our Weekly Notice Sheet: Starting this week the new deadline for notices will be Wednesdays at 5pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Tree Festival: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Tree Festival 2017 the success it was. We know who you are and our sincere thanks, the cakes were magnificent (your cake tins await you in the kitchens), more thanks to the team of counters, welcomers, programme sellers, everybody catering, the tree teams, the sweepers and all the other helpers!

Junior Choir Christmas Concert: Our Junior Choir have their first ever Christmas Concert on Thursday 21 December at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. Do join us for a short and entertaining concert and possibly a mince pie or two afterwards!

Calling all singers! On Sunday 24 December at our 9.30am Communion service it would be lovely to have a choir to help lead the service. If you would like to take part, come to the Song Room in the Parish Hall at 8.50am.

Prayer Ministry is available during Communion at the High Altar where members of the prayer ministry team are available to pray with you.

The Food Bank: The food bank has a **severe** shortage of tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, long-life milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned fish and jars of pasta sauce. You can leave donations at the Parish Centre but if you use the Tesco collection point they will contribute a 20% 'top-up', making it very beneficial. Donations can also be taken to 87 Mill Lane, Beverley, Mondays and Fridays, 12noon – 4pm. Thank you for your continuing support. To make a cash donation rather than food donations this can be done via the website, www.eastyorkshire.foodbank.org.uk

As an aid to our care of each other: if you know a member of our congregation who is ill or in need, in hospital or at home, please do 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 the clergy there are members of our congregation who can visit, take communion or help in other ways.

We have a collection box next to the shop for donations of Christmas presents for children in the foster care system during December. This great cause is organised by the Tyas Foundation, who will distribute the wrapped or unwrapped presents for ages 0-18 this Christmas. If you're able to support this great cause, please do! If you want to know more, please speak to Ben Merrell on 868540.

Men's Groups: Can we make an appeal to **ALL men** of the Minster to consider joining us at the Men's Group meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8am for Bacon Butties! We also have a Men's Group on a Monday night at the Monk's Walk pub at 7pm. Do come along and enjoy the fellowship and banter between Christian men and bring along your non-Christian friends. Contact Robert Edwards on 637493 for more information.

Big Christmas Card: Thanks to Ben and his Emmaus Group for creating the BIG Christmas card this year. Rather than sending Christmas cards to other members of the congregation, please consider signing the card and making a donation (envelopes are available next to the card). This year the money will be split between Hull Homeless and Rootless and Beverley Food Bank. Many thanks.

Church Notices and News

Men's Monthly Meeting: Monday 18 December, 7.30pm at the Monk's Walk. Wilf Fowler will lead a discussion on the Pope's proposals to change the Lord's Prayer. Contact Tony Kelham on 01482 862899.

Follow the Minster on Twitter @Bev_Minster (1100 followers) and like the Minster on Facebook (over 1000 likes). Both are a good way to catch up and get the latest updates. The Minster website is www.beverleyminster.org.uk – Mervyn keeps it up to date, and you'll find sermons, notice sheets and more. Sign up for the monthly Minster email, you'll find it at the top right of every page.

Gareth and Rachael: There is a Thank You card from Gareth and Rachael available to see at the back of church.

Weekly Giving envelopes for 2018 are available for collection at the back of church. Any queries to Graham Bolt on 872576.

Prayer Chain: Rex and Linda Robinson would like to thank everyone who prayed for Claire Robinson. On Monday she had a successful 7 hour operation and her surgeons are confident that they have removed all the tumours and feel optimistic for her future.

Beverley Parklands: We have had a request from a resident for transport to Sunday morning services. If anyone can help with this or other care homes, contact Fran on 866022.

Events at the Minster

Art Installation: 3-31 December in St Katherine's Chapel - Herald Angels. Mervyn King presents a group of sculptures inspired by angels who are the guardians of a special gift.

Events Around and About

St Leonard's, Molescroft today at 3pm – Nine Lessons & Carols lead by Revd Canon Peter Wadsworth. Service followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Tickton Advent Windows: From 1-24 December at least one new window will be opened each day. To find the Advent Windows call in at Tickton Post Office for a map. Any donations made to the Beverley Food Bank would be most welcome.

Members of The Church in Tickton invite you to join them for Carols at the New Inn, from 7pm on Monday 18 December in support of Action for children.

Carols and Cheer: 20 December at 6pm at the Warton Arms, Woodmansey. Join us for an evening of fun singing popular carols whilst enjoying a drink with friends and neighbours.

Beer and Carols: Wednesday 20 December 7.30pm at The Sun Inn. All welcome.

York Minster Pilgrimage Walks: To celebrate the completion of the Great East window and the revealing of the restored East End for the first time in 10 years, the chapter of York and the York Minster Fund invite pilgrims from across the Diocese and beyond, to join us for a reception and celebratory Evensong on **Saturday 12 May 2018**. Some pilgrims may choose to walk for a week or to cycle for a day. Some may also wish to use the opportunity to collect sponsorship and raise money for charities such as Christian Aid. All are welcome.