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Parish Church of Bramhope





Vicar: Rev Janice Smith

## Special notices



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Rev Janice Smith 203 7523, or Bryan Bundey 267 8534

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24/14/17 High Ridge Way, Kings Road & Kings Drive

31/12/17 The Sycamores & Sycamore Close



#### Tis the season to get ready!

And so another Christmas approaches. I have officially acknowledged the looming presence of the Christmas shopping list and have begun to tick items off.



Of course this isn't what Advent is really about and I am sure I am not the only one who dreams occasionally of a more traditional and meaningful build up to Christmas Day. In the History of Advent, I discovered that we may not be the only ones to lament the changes to the meaning of Advent.

Perhaps it is time for me to hang up my Grumpy Old Woman hat and put on my Merry Christmas one instead!

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and a peaceful New Year.

Louise Email:stgilesreview2017@gmail.com

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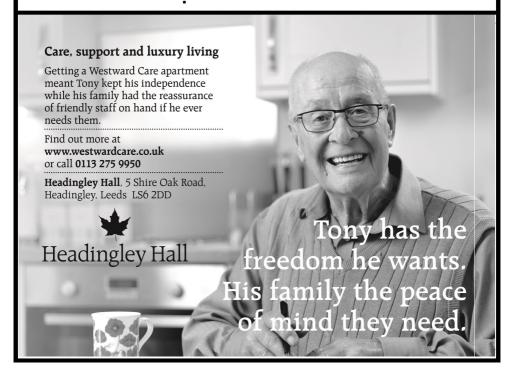
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## From the vicarage



Hello Everyone

The countdown has now begun whether you do it in chocolates or Father Christmases or bible verses. Christmas is most definitely on its way.

The church has its own way of counting down to Christmas, the season of Advent begins on 3 December. We look forward to two events, the celebration of the birth of the Christ child Emmanuel God with us, and also to Jesus' return at the end of times; so monumental themes for a monumental season.

Christians are asked to consider the characters of the nativity, the prophets who foretold his birth, and the struggle between light and dark in a broken and often dark world. We are asked to use Advent as a time of preparation in prayer, fasting and self examination.

And sprinkled into this mix is goodwill, the hope for peace on earth, gifts and taking pleasure in each others' company and if it is to be any sort of Christmas, sharing our good will with others less fortunate.

There are many opportunities to take part in the sharing that we do at St Giles:

- On 10 December we will for the 12<sup>th</sup> year ask you to donate new or nearly new, clean and in good condition toys for children in the care of social services. Your gifts since we began this have helped hundreds of children know the kindness of strangers and make their Christmas better with the gift of a toy. They are donated to some of the most needy children in our city. Please help us to continue this work.
- On Christmas Eve we hold Christingle services for the Children's Society. All your donations at those services go to work with children who have very difficult circumstances. Our services are at 3pm and 4.30pm. We have a wonderful time with carols, glow sticks and your children take part in our service.

The Mother's Union are making Christmas gifts for St George's Crypt for the homeless. Donations of soap, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks and other toiletries are all acceptable please. Please contact Sheila Williams to make a donation or bring your gifts to church.

Finally this is my 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas at St Giles and it will be my final one. After a summer of ill health I have decided that I will retire. It comes to us all and I will be leaving at

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May God bless you at Christmas time and bring you the joy and peace of the season.

Janice

#### #GodwithUs

As Archbishop Justin Welby says in his introduction to the reflective guide we've produced called #GodWithUs — Your Christmas Journey: "The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you — you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence".

This year's campaign has three key elements:

- 1. Three videos that tell the story of the joy of going to your local church at Christmas, which will be released throughout December on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.
- The new A Church Near You our national church finder – which will point people to a Christmas service or event taking place in one of the

16,500 Church of England churches. This will launch in November 2017.

3. Your Christmas Journey, a series of short reflections throughout December and into early January 2018, introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby. The reflections have been written by soul[food] for people who are new to faith and to help us all grow in our love of God. People can receive the messages as texts, emails, on social media and Church House Publishing have produced a booklet which would be ideal for churches to give to those attending Advent and Christmas services

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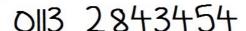




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We loved the posh coffee and biscuits made by Kevin at our first meeting in November! Even the children had a treat and tucked into fromage frais and breadsticks... It was very messy!! Thanks go to John who played the piano for our singsong and to Joy who was faced with all the washing up. We had vet another new baby to welcome, Mettia, a full month old and slept through all the noise! It was good to welcome some grannies back too with (and without!) In December we are having their grandchildren. Just for the diaries.....our Christmas party will be on 13th December.

Gill Pinches

#### MOTHERS' UNION

Rhoda came to visit in November and brought some meals from Wiltshire Farm Foods. She also had us Wednesday 24th January. If all in stitches with her amusing tales about how her place please see one of our husband and she set up the franchise to distribute these May we take this meals. If anyone hasn't heard of this company, they provide full frozen meals delivered to your door, in this area by Norman. There are some brochures in the church hall if anyone is interested. And very tasty they were too! our Advent Service on 6th December in the church followed by refreshments in the hall. We welcome everyone to come to this service, ladies and gents alike so why not start your

Advent preparation with us? We won't be meeting as normal in January but are going out for afternoon tea at Caring for Life on you would like to book your Committee members. opportunity to wish all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

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November 9 was a night of laughter from Fred's early retirement as convenor, complete with a presentation, to Alun Pugh's talk on tales from his teaching career, not forgetting my er, umm, ers, what's his name! The meal was shepherd's pie with vegetables and fresh fruit pie for

pudding. Everyone was smiling and full as they left for home.

December 14 - yes it's that time of year- it's the Christmas dinner so come on gents if you have been thinking of trying the Men's Supper Club, this is the evening to try. It really will be a great meal and lots of festive fun. Hope to see you all there, just let me know so we can get the numbers right.

Martin Lee

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> will be a Christmas Fair with Carols.

This will be held in aid of Wheatfields Hospice. Entry will be f2.00. The fair with

stalls will begin at 7.30pm and at the interval our choirmaster, John Smith, will be playing carols whilst the mulled wine and mince pies are passed round. Everybody welcome!!

Janet Cunliffe

## 50-50 NOVEMBER WINNERS

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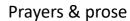
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#### For Christmas

Compassionate and holy God, we celebrate with joy your coming into our midst;

we celebrate with hope your coming into our midst;

we celebrate with peace your coming into our midst;

for you have come to save us.

By your grace we recognise your presence in men and women in all parts of the world...

through your strength our lives can proclaim joy and hope through your love we can work for peace and justice

You are the source of our being; you are the light of our lives.

Based on lines from a Latin American
Prayer

Jesus, new-born child of all time, We greet your birth with wide- eyed delight.

You are precious beyond words for our world needs your presence more than ever.

Let the angels' promise of your good news offering joy and peace to all the world be heard by those who lead and guide. Let kings bow down and all creation greet this holy moment as we seek to grasp its magnitude.

For you are God's gift silently delivered to every human heart.

From Further Everyday Prayers

The Inn- Keeper

I had to send that pair away - they do not pay

and trade is trade and money too I say. And yet that girl - she shivered in the doorway there

and once she raised her eyes to mine and smiled

I could have knelt I swear but some lout made a call for wine and

broke the spell
I turned them from my door and I did

well
Two merchants took the great room

overhead

That's my policy I buy and sell And keep my pity for the dead And yet that girl - that girl - she turned and looked

and fairer than before and went away as if she walked with emperors and was a queen

and all the world was hers.

Author Unknown

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#### SARA LEEFE

I was born in West Kirby on the Wirral, and went away to a church school. I met Nick my future husband at Edinburgh University in 1960 and we were married in 1968. We moved to Bramhope in 1970, just 3 months after our daughter Mary was born. She was christened by Reverend Herbert Hicks who 2 years later also christened our son Benjamin.

We lived in Parklands Crescent for 10 happy years and got to know our neighbours. One of these was Pauline Kent who started a popular Keep Fit and Dance class, which helped to provide some funds for the Church. About this time the new Church Hall was built, when I was the leader of Women's Fellowship.

I went back to teaching Human Biology part time at Park Lane College in 1975 and gradually increased the number of classes until I finally retired in 2001. By then I was teaching a very interesting Mature Access Course for students, providing them with a real chance of University Entrance in 1 year.

I always managed to keep Tuesday mornings free so I could play golf. Nick is a very keen and good golfer, so we played together and have won various trophies at the Alwoodley Golf Club. Between 1999 -2007, I travelled with Nick and a Team of Alwoodley Golfers to play around the world at some of the associated

#### Getting to know...



MacKenzie courses linked with Alwoodley. Now we play bridge together at the Bramhope Bridge Club in the Village Institute twice a week.

I was on the Children's Society Committee for 10 years and I remember coffee mornings in our garden and Victorian Tea Parties, when we all dressed up. I have also been on the PCC and on the Ecumenical Committee with Reverend David Robinson. For about 18 years I organised the Welcome Groups in Bramhope, which meant every road had either a Methodist or Church of England contact, who would tell any new neighbours about the services and activities of both churches.

Other interests over the years have included walking, yoga, watercolour painting, running a small book club for friends in Bramhope and being a committee member of the Leeds Fine Arts Society. Now we have 4 grandchildren and we like to see them as much as we can, as both families luckily live within 30 miles.

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## Love thy neighbour

## "Love Your Neighbour As Yourself". Mark 12.31

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John uses his positive Christian attitude of loving thy neighbour to support his elderly neighbours and those with a disability. John provides a much needed transport service for those who need it; to and from the doctors, the dentists, and other professionals and church. If the individual is up for it then John will take them shopping. Alternatively if the person is not able to go shopping themselves, then John will do their shopping, and has even

done their washing. Affectionately he is often looked upon as the third son.

John performs this ferry service not just in Bramhope, but also, in cooperation with Otley Action, for residents in Otley, Pool and Arthington. John's enthusiasm and warmth of character obviously must provide a welcome cheery face, especially for those who may not see a familiar face or have anyone to chat with until John arrives to carry out his much respected voluntary support.

On Christmas Day John will be taking some of his flock for what has been a very successful annual event - Christmas dinner at the Wharfedale, in Arthington. For the past 12 years John has organised this magical outing for up to 9 people.

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#### **GTK Sara Leefe**

In the Church, I am a Sidesperson, but now I also arrange the flower rota. Before me Margaret North had organised a very good system, where one person is in charge for each month but they arrange the flowers for one week only. Other volunteers then complete the arrangements for the other 3 weeks of that month. At festivals we all get together to decorate the Church and if anyone would like to join us for flower arranging, then please contact me. (No experience necessary !!); telephone number 0113 2674188.



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## From the library shelf

have hijacked the library shelf this month to share an Advent story I read to Lily when she was younger. As a tiny girl she had always received a new Christmas book for her Christmas Eve bedtime story. As she got older, it was not so easy to find a suitable tale. Here is one of successful finds...

"Dusk was falling. The lights were on in the Christmas streets, thick snowflakes were falling between the lamps. The streets were crowded with people"

So starts 'The Christmas Mystery' by Jostein Gaarder, an author most well known for writing 'Sophie's World.'

'The Christmas Mystery' tells the Christmas story as a story within a story: Joachim is shopping for an Advent calendar with his father when they come across an old and dusty book shop. Joachim's father is quite anxious as it is November 30 and all the shops have sold out of Advent calendars (I can relate to that!).

The old book shop has a choice of two calendars but as he is deciding which to buy, Joachim notices another, older Advent calendar which has mysteriously

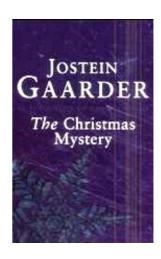
been propped upon one of the bookshelves, unbeknownst to the shop keeper. The mystery has begun... Joachim decides to buy this calendar. It is, of course, a magical calendar.

Joachim's adventure is told over the 24 days of the Advent calendar—a chapter a night or door, depending on whether you link it to your own advent calendars or bedtime story time. The familiar characters of the nativity story are introduced in less familiar settings; a new character each day.

I loved sharing this special book with Lily, I hope you enjoy it too.

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## The history of Advent

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word parousia. Scholars believe that during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40

days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.



#### For Advent

#### For Advent...

Make clear to us, O Lord our God, the meaning of Christ's coming to Bethlehem long ago, in our lives now and at the last great day; that we may receive his forgiveness, know the power of his living presence, and rejoice in the hope of his kingdom; for his name's sake.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,

Within my heart, that it may be

A guiet chamber kept for thee.

Martin Luther ( 1483-1546)

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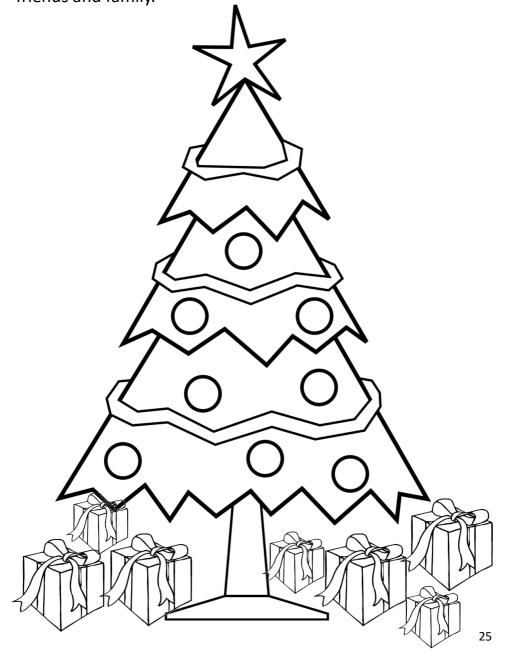
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Wed 13	CATS 9:15 – 11:15 am		
Thur 14	Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7 pm David Aldred "Washburn Valley Yesterday "		
Sun 17	Sun 17 Messy Church 3.00 – 5.00 pm		
Tues 19	Circle Dancing 7.15 pm		
Wed 20	Open house 2.00 pm		

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Dec 24	Christmas	Jenny & Rosamund Platt	
Dec 31	After Christmas	Carol Wiggins & Elaine Dagg	

	Sidespersons				
Sunday	8.15am	9.30am 6.30pm			
1st	Bill Cunliff Steve McGraw	Philip Kendall-Smith	Margaret North	Margaret North	
2nd	NO SERVICE	John Grahame Neil Simpson	Mike Riley	Margaret North	
3rd	Janet Howard	Fred Archenhold Joan Archenhold	Bob Lewis	Michael Coles	
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Sunday 3rd	FIRST OF A	OVENT	
	8,15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9,30am	Parish Communion (CW)	
	6,30pm	Choral Evensong	
Thursday 7th	10,30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sunday 10th	day 10th SECOND OF ADVENT		
	8.15am	NO SERVICE	
	9.30am	All.together Toy Service with Healing Ministry	
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)	
Thursday 14th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sunday 17th	THIRD OF A	DVENT	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	
	3.00pm	Messy Church	
	6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	
Thursday 21st	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sunday 24th	CHRISTMAS	S EVE	
	9.00am	Said Parish Communion (CW)	
	3pm &	Christingle Services	
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion (CW)	
Monday 25th	CHRISTMAS	DAY	
	9.30am	Christmas Holy Communion (CW)	
Thursday 28th	10.30am	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 31st	FIRST OF CH	HRISTMAS	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	
	6.30pm	NO SERVICE	
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Thursday 4th	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sunday 7th	FIRST OF EP	PIPHANY / BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
*	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
****	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW) * * *	
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