



Welcome to Mirfield Team Parish

Sunday 2nd December 2018 - The First Sunday of Advent

Year C begins

Today's Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations

confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit

Christopher Browne, Jean Pollitt, Linda Owens, Baby Cora, Brian Hodgson, Ernest Senior, Jane Askey, Sheila, Jacob, Louise Stewart (née Holliday), Daniel, Ruth Hunt, Margaret Venables, Anita Jaunet, Barbara Walker, Andrew, Judith Harrowsmith, Diana Ryder, Thomas, Gillian Briggs, Nancy Hey, Lyn Banks, Katheryn Trueman, Shirley Chambers, Dorothy Proverbs, Nicholas Hodgson, Jean Dearden, Betty Lennon, Jean Hadfield, Peter & Dhoe Craig-Wild, Krystian Duval.

We pray for those who have recently died and their families

Vera Dezelak, George Ernest Howling.

From our Parish Prayer List

Our Clergy Team, Hugh and Helen and their families.
Staff and Pupils at Mirfield Primary Schools.
For all shops and businesses in Mirfield.
For the work of Christian Aid.

If you would like anybody to be added or removed, please contact Janice Barker 01924 503530 indigoldbhl@gmail.com

One of the ministries we offer is our prayer team who are willing to offer prayers on your behalf in a crisis situation. If you have an urgent need for prayers then please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinators, Carol on 515894 or Barry on 493884.

THIS MORNING'S HYMNS

98, 261, 478, **599, 358**

Refreshments are available after the services (except the 08.30 said service). Please stay and join us.

Andrea will be making up the Christingles after this morning's 09:45 service at St Mary's. All helpers are welcome.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Mary's TODAY at 4pm

ADVENT QUIET SERVICES at St John's - TUESDAYS, 4th, 11th & 18th December at 7pm

LIVE NATIVITY SERVICE at St Mary's on THURSDAY this week at 6:30pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at St John's - next SUNDAY, at 3pm

It's not too late to give hats, soft toys, soap, flannels etc. for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal - contact Kath Crossley.

There is a letter for everyone on the Electoral Roll. Please can you take yours and for any one else you can deliver to.

It is this years stewardship update. Thank you.

Team Parish Contact Details

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Regular Service Times

St Mary's

Church Lane, Mirfield WF14 9HX

Sunday 8.30 am Said Communion
9.45 am Sung Eucharist
and Children's Church
Wednesday 10.00am Said Communion

St John's

Upper Hopton WF14 8EL

Sunday 11.15am Sung Eucharist
and Sunday School

St Paul's

Eastthorpe WF14 8DD
Thursday 10.00am Said Communion

Evensong 4.30pm - **last Sunday of each month**, alternating between St Mary's & St John's



The Parish Office

Team Parish Administrator

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Publicity Officer

Layla Ellis laylaellis@live.co.uk
(Please put on title MTP publicity on emails)

St Mary's Community Centre

To book the hall or meeting room contact
Lauren 01924 523540

To book a Baptism

Please fill in the on-line booking form at
<http://www.mirfieldteamparish.org.uk/baptisms>
If you need help, please phone Kath Crossley on
01924 515496. She will be happy to help you and
answer your questions.

To book a wedding

In the first instance please contact Lauren, the
Team Parish administrator mirfieldtp@gmail.com
who will then arrange to meet with you to book in
all the details of your wedding

Contacts for flowers:

St Mary's Ruth Edwards: 07840 395096
raedwards@virginmedia.com

St John's Linda Hutchinson: 01924 496588

Regular Social Activities

St Mary's Community Centre

- Monday Afternoon Tea and Chat 2pm
- Tuesday Flower Arranging Class 1pm - 2pm
Beginners and experienced members welcome
For more details ring Ruth: 01924 492129
- Saturday Café 9am - 2pm

St Mary's Church

- Wednesday Brunch & Open Church 10.45am
Mirfield Junior Singers 5.30 - 6.15pm
Full Choir Practice 6.30 - 7.30pm
- Saturday/Sunday Open Church 2pm - 4pm
Tea, coffee & biscuits available.
Walkers and dogs on leads welcome

St John's Church

- Wednesday Open Church 09:30 - 12 noon

Croft House

WF14 8HS

- Wednesday Drop in for tea and a chat 2pm - 4pm

Every night, an estimated number of 4,751 people are sleeping rough across England, a rise of 169% since 2010. In response to the great need of homeless people, almost 1,000 groups have taken the '**Advent Sleepout Challenge**' over the last three years (<https://www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk/about>).

This year, a group of students of the College of the Resurrection (Mirfield) have accepted this challenge and will spend one night outside the comfort of their College rooms in order to raise awareness and support this good cause. Following Christ's call to clothe the naked and feed the hungry, we hope to raise a sum of £1,000 for the work of the Church Urban Fund's Together Network (<https://www.cuf.org.uk/together-network>).

Our Sleepover will take place on Wednesday, 5th December, and will be hosted by St Mary's Church (Mirfield Team Parish). The event will involve the opportunity to learn more about the needs of homeless people in our society and to pray together for God's world.

Want to take part? Contact: hhope@mirfield.org.uk



Wednesday 5th December - Men's Group meets at The Old Colonial at 7.30pm

The Welcome Centre - Clients who attend in the two weeks prior to Christmas will receive an additional food parcel. The parcel will contain all the ingredients needed to make their own Christmas lunch. If you want to buy items for these packs, these are the things needed..

Christmas Shortages

Gravy Granules, meat and vegetarian / Large tins of ham / family packs of biscuits / tinned sponge pudding / selection boxes / chocolates / stuffing / Christmas treats

Raise Funds for Mirfield Team Parish Please do your on-line shopping via 'easyfundraising'. You'll raise money for Mirfield Team Parish with every online purchase you make and it's completely FREE! To find out more, visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ For further information contact Peter King.

Ongoing

Health Walks, 1st & 3rd Saturdays; further information from Chris Conway, 01924480261

Donations for the Welcome Centre and offerings for Operation Christmas Child, **new** scarves, pens, pencil sharpeners, pencils, crayons, rubbers, paper and notebooks, toys, toothbrushes, soap and flannels. Kath Crossley will be happy to give further information and advice on suitable donations.

Poppies for St John's; contact Janette, janettefarrar961@gmail.com

Choir Practice, Junior Singers at 5.30pm and Choir Practice at 6.30pm.
Contact Scott, 07900996854