



Welcome to Mirfield Team Parish

Sunday 6th January 2019 - The Feast of the Epiphany

Collect for Today

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Readings

Ephesians 3:1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for those being Baptised in January

Charlotte Millie Fleetwood

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit

Doreen and Malcolm Thornton, Harry Broadbent, Baby Cora, Paul & Dorothy Bearne, Barbara, Christopher Browne, Jean Pollitt, Daniel, Linda Owens, Brian Hodgson, Ernest Senior, Sheila, Jacob, Louise Stewart (née Holliday), Ruth Hunt, Anita Jaunet, Andrew, Margaret Venables, Barbara Walker, Judith Harrowsmith, Diana Ryder, Thomas, Gillian Briggs, Nancy Hey, Lyn Banks, Kathryn 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

Norris Handford, Rose Ellen Hardy, Marjorie Charnock, Cath Haigh, Jean Hargreaves, Pat Mason.

The funeral of the late Marjorie Charnock is in St Mary's on 15th January at 11.30am

The funeral of the late Catherine Haigh will be at 1.15pm on 15th January at St Mary's

The late Ellen Hardy's funeral will be at Dewsbury Moor Crematorium at 12.30pm on Friday 18th January

The late Norris Handford's funeral will be at Dewsbury Moor Crematorium on 25th January at 9.30am

From our Parish Prayer List

For our Archdeacon Anne Dawtry and our Area Dean Simon Cash.

For all involved with our local Uniformed Organisations.

For those receiving nursing care and support in their own homes and those receiving home communion.

For those who are unemployed, in poor working conditions and on benefits.

If you would like anyone to be added or removed from our prayer lists please contact Janice Barker 01924 503530

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OUR LICENSED LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS

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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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(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

Choir Practice

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

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

TODAY'S HYMNS 41, 394, 439, 320, 71

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



MONDAY AFTERNOON TEA resumes at St Mary's Community Centre tomorrow, 7th January.

Please leave your **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** at the back of church at St Mary's after either of the morning services on Sunday 3rd February. Andrea will return them to the back of church once they have been emptied.

SAFEGUARDING CATCH UP training 9.30 - 12.30 Saturday 12th January 2019 at St John's Church. Contact Karen on 01924 503547 or mobile 07956 455291 or karenbatty@ntlworld.com.

CHOIR PRACTICES resume on Wednesday evening 9th January.

'TRIBUTE TO A KING' - 7.30pm, Saturday 26th January in St Mary's Community Centre WF14 9HX Tickets are available from Ruth at 07840 395096 - £15, includes supper.

As part of our fundraising there are some smart **USER FRIENDLY PENS** with the Team Parish details on and a soft top for your electronic device. They are £2 each and are for sale at the back of church.

Material for the **FEBRUARY MAGAZINE** is needed no later than 16th January

Ongoing

The Welcome Centre Our current shortages: Jam, Sugar, Tinned fish, Instant noodles, pasta or rice such as mug shots, Toothpaste, Cup a Soup, Meat/fish paste, Tinned meat/curry/Bolognese/stewed steak/chilli, disposable razors.

Health walks continue on the first and third Saturdays every month. We start at 10am with registration from 9:40. The walks will be at St Paul's until the end of February then we move to St Mary's from March to the end of May followed by St John's in June and July unless there are weddings that coincide. We're usually away home by 12.30 at the latest. Well behaved dogs are welcomed. Please contact Chris Conway on 01924480261 for further details.

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

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.

You don't need to wait until Christmas 2019 to start collecting shoebox items for Operation Christmas Child, new scarves, pens, pencil sharpeners, pencils, crayons, rubbers, paper and notebooks, toys, toothbrushes, soap and flannels.