

Sunday 6 th TODAY	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St. Stephen's St. Aidan's
Tuesday 8 th	9-11am 2.15pm	Squeals on Wheels (Babies & Toddlers) MU Branch Meeting	St. Aidan's St. Aidan's
Thursday 10 th	7-7.30am 10am	Meeting for Prayer Holy Communion	St. Aidan's St. Aidan's
Friday 11 th	9.30am	Time for Reflection	51 Barlow Street
Sunday 13 th Epiphany 2	8.30am 12.30pm. 4pm 5-7pm	Holy Communion Baptism Service Christingle Service Sunday Supper	St. Stephen's St. Stephen's St. Stephen's Parish Hall

Communion readings for Sunday 13th January:

Isaiah 43: 1-7 (Page 603) & Luke 3: 15-17,21,22 (page 858)

PRAYING ABOUT BREXIT

God of eternal love and power,
save our Parliamentary Democracy;
protect our High Court of Parliament
and all its members from partiality and prejudice;
that they may walk the path of kindness, justice and mercy.

Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.
The weight of their calling
is too much to bear in their own strength,
therefore we pray earnestly, Father,
send them help from your Holy Place,
and be their tower of strength.

Lord, graciously hear us. Amen.

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Welcome to the Church of St. Stephen and St. Aidan

News From The Pews

6th January 2019

Epiphany



Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today's readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Page 619): Matthew 2: 1-12 (Page 789)

Post Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

- **those living in:** Kir Crescent
- **those unwell:** Anna & Peter Lewis, Sarah, Jill (Pam Cooper's sister), Ann & David Pugh, Harry, John Elwick, Dot & Adrian Gell, Lauren Elrod, Ann Furst, and Sarah Woods (Mitchell) as she spends time in Kenya with her charity work.
- That we will fully become the church God calls us to be. For Asia Bibi (Pakistan), and the Brexit turmoil.

NOTICES

HAPPY NEW YEAR - A warm welcome to all today, especially any visitors among us. Today we say farewell to Revd Ellie Bangay.

ELLIE WRITES - I would love to stay in touch with you all. I don't have a new address to give you yet as I'm moving to a temporary place for a while, but I will send it once I do. My personal email address is ellie.bangay@gmail.com and I'd be happy to hear news from you all.

CHURCH DIRECTORY - The latest, updated 2019 version is available at the back of church from this morning. This replaces the October 2018 version and any other previous versions which you should now destroy Thank you to everyone for filling in GDPR forms and giving amendments to Ellie. Any future applications or amendments should be emailed to Pete.

ACOMB COMMUNITY CINEMA

Coming soon at Acomb Community Cinema:

Sat 12 Jan The Blues Brothers (15)

Sat 9 Feb The Greatest Showman (PG)

Sat 9 March TBA.

Films start 7pm at Acomb Methodist Church in Front Street. Under 18s must be accompanied.

NEXT SUNDAY (13th Jan) - The 8.30am service will take place as normal but there will be NO 10.30am service as we have our CHRISTINGLE/PARADE SERVICE at 4pm at St. Stephen's in aid of the Children's Society.

NEW YOUTH MUSIC GROUP - Open to 11-18 year olds of all abilities. Come and sing and/or bring your own instrument to have fun and make friends. We are offering free taster sessions to be held at St. Aidan's on Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 22nd January from 5 - 6pm.

CRAFT MEETING

This month's craft meeting is on Tuesday 15th January from 7.30 to 9pm in the Ellis Rooms. Come and enjoy tea, biscuits and conversation. If you do not have a craft, come along anyway. Contact is Emily on 07473 771491.

'TIME OUT FOR PARENTS - THE EARLY YEARS'

We are facilitating the running of this short parenting course by Family Matters York. This 5 session course is for parents and carers of toddlers, giving them a chance to share their experiences and discuss relevant issues. Topics covered include playing with your child, eating, developing self-esteem, finding strategies to handle temper tantrums and other difficult behaviour and keeping sane as a parent. Parents are encouraged to try out strategies at home and share with the group the following week. It will run at St. Aidan's each Monday from 21 Jan - 18 Feb from 9.30am - 11.30am with ourselves and Acomb Baptist church providing a crèche while the session is on. Can you please help publicise this and let us know of any who would like to attend. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The next **CRAFT & COFFEE** morning is on Sat 26th Jan in the Parish Church Hall on Front Street.
- The next **MESSY CHURCH** is on Tuesday 5th Feb from 3.30pm at St. Aidan's.
- The PCC are looking to hold a **PARISH AWAY DAY** led by Revd Gavin Wakefield to explore LyCiG with us further to representatives having attended the national conference last September. It is looking like this will take place on Saturday 9th Feb. All from the Parish are invited and encouraged to come along. Let us know if transport is required.
- Age UK York 'Winter Warmer' at Acomb Methodist Church from 2-4pm on both 16 Jan and 20 Feb.

NEW DAB CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

There are a number of new DAB radio stations being broadcast in our area. If you reset/retune your DAB radio you will now find 2 good Christian Radio stations available. Between the stations 'Planet Rock' and 'Radio Aire' you can now find both Premier Christian (word focused) and Premier Praise (music focused).

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REQUIRED AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Both Carr and Westfield schools are seeking to fill the position of school governor. If you are interested to consider serving in this capacity please contact Vicar Pete.