

Sunday 27th November 2022

The First Sunday of Advent – Advent Sunday

PCC Accounts month ending 31st October 2022

	£		£
Balance B/F	455.00	Parish Share	750.00
October Income	<u>1,698.15</u>	Water Aid	200.00
Total	2,153.15	Acorn Pest	92.60
Expenditure	<u>1,630.44</u>	Electric	65.54
Balance C/F	<u>522.71</u>	Church Insurance	335.16
		Vicars Expenses	100.00
		Gas	<u>87.14</u>
		Total	<u>1,630.44</u>

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you to all who helped and supported our Christmas Fair yesterday. The amount raised will be reported ASAP.

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Donations of wine, sherry and mince pies etc. for the event will be very gratefully received.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

If you do have a box, would you please return your boxes to church as soon as possible.

HOLY COMMUNION WINE

Those wishing to receive wine should move to the person administering the chalice and take a small sip – please note that wafers may not be dipped in the chalice by the recipient.

9.45am: Parish Eucharist. Collect & readings page 3.

Celebrant & preacher: **Rev. Gordon Harper.**

Hymn – 102; “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Isa. 2: 1-5, Rom. 13: 11-14. – P. French

Hymn – 760; “Trust and obey”

Gospel reading: Matt. 24: 36-44.

Sermon – Rev. G. Harper

Prayers – P. French

Collection hymn – 486; “Now thank we all our God”

Holy Communion reflection – “Be still my soul”

Holy communion hymn – 493; ”O come, O come, Emmanuel”

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Final hymn – 564; “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....”

6.00pm: Evening Prayer – St Matthew’s - Cancelled

6.00pm: Advent Carol Service at St Michael’s Houghton

*****All are invited*****

Mid-week Service

Wednesday 10.00am: Andrew the Apostle

Leader: M. Adamson

Readings: Rom. 10: 12-18, Matt 4: 18-22.

Prayers for:

Christopher Brown; Ron Brewis; Mary Brewis; Yvonne Brown; Joan Swanson; Rita Wilson; Pauline Gaunt; Garry Wolfe; Ian Weston; Florence and Derek Coffey; Marion Bailey; Watson Barrass; Dianne Watcotte; Michelle McDonald; Marjorie Galley; Tracy Allison.

Departed: Richard Foster,

Walter Gaff – funeral in church Monday 28th November at 12:15pm,
Peter Jacques – funeral in church Friday 9th December, 10.00am

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 28th November, 7.30pm in church hall.

S.M.D.T. meeting: TBA at PCC. 7.30pm in Vestry.

Church Hall meeting: TBA at PCC. 10.00am in church hall.

PCC Meeting Monday 28th November 2022: Agenda.

1. Reading and prayers.
 2. Present and Apologies.
 3. Correspondence.
 4. Minutes of previous meeting.
 5. Matters arising:
 6. Reports: 1. Treasurer. 2. Fabric Fund. 3. S.M.D.T. 4. Church Hall.
5. Safeguarding. 6. Deanery Synod/Chapter.
 7. Archdeacon's visit
 8. 1. Christmas services. 2. Christmas card distribution
 9. Church Fees
 - A.O.B. 1. 2. 3.
- Date of next meeting.

Sunday 4th December 2022
The Second Sunday of Advent

9.45am: **Morning Worship.** Leader S. Holmes
Collect & readings – page 5.
Isa. 11: 1-10, Rom. 15: 4-13. – S. Holmes
Gospel: Matt. 3: 1-12
Sermon – J. Martin
Prayers: S. Holmes

6.00pm: Evening Prayer Leader: M. Adamson
Psalm – 11
O.T. reading: 1 Kings 18: 17-39
N.T. reading: John 1: 19-28
Prayers: M. Adamson

Food Bank

The P.C.C. is accepting donations of tinned food and other non-perishables to support those going through a hard time. As well as occasionally giving out emergency hampers we feed into Space4's foodbank at St Michael's at Houghton.

Suggested items: UHT Milk Instant Mash Cereal Jar of coffee
Tinned – Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tomatoes, Rice, Sponge
Pudding, Meat, Fish, Vegetables (peas, carrots etc.)
Long Life Fruit Juice (boxed or tinned), Pasta, Rice, Pasta Sauces
Tea Bags, Sugar, Biscuits and Snacks.

Please make sure items have a fairly long use by date/shelf life.
