

This Week

Wednesday 20th December 2023
10 am – Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the recent violence in Israel & Gaza.

Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Mathew. Archdeacon David & Area Dean Daniel Revd Paul, Revd Christine and all visiting clergy. All who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church.

Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home. The street of our Parish – Beckett Street, Hibbert Street.

The Sick

Jean Smith, Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies, Reverend Canon Marcia Wall, Baby Jonah Wolfenden, Michael Brogan, Roy Fryer, Richard Makinson & any one close to our own hearts.

Anniversary of Death

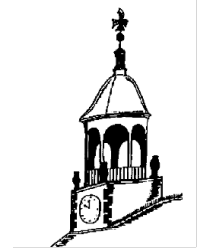
Doris Lord, Margaret Reid, Bill Tuncliffe, Harry Crompton, Jessie Whittaker, Charles Shelmerdine, Hilda Fort, Thomas Farrimond.

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits after the 9.30 service in the Church Hall.
This week we have a Fair-Trade stall in the Hall.

St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 17th December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Service

Readings & Hymns

Processional	66	Be thou my vision
First Reading		Isaiah 61.1 - 4, 8 - <i>end</i>
Second Reading		1 Thessalonians 5.16 - 24
Gradual	589	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Gospel Reading		John 1.6 – 8, 19 - 28
Offertory	215	Give me joy in my heart....
Final	337	I, the Lord of the sea and sky

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and forever.

Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.

Notices

Poinsettias Flowers

We will again be decorating the church with poinsettias this year, but rather than pay for a plant, you can make a donation in memory of a loved one, these names will be printed on the pew sheet on 24th December. If you would like to do this then please complete a slip which are at the back of church and hand in with your donation to the treasurer or any PCC member.

Christmas Card

Rather than give individual cards, you can write your Christmas greeting to other congregation members in the large card made by Sunday School which is at the back of church and leave a donation in the box, which goes to The Children's Society and Francis House Hospice.

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is sick or unwell and would like a telephone call or visit or would like a name adding to the pray list, please contact Freda Davies 07901806748 or Ann Knowles 07751567645.

Food Bank Donations

We have reinstated the box at the back of the Church for donations to the St Barnabas food bank. Please remember those in need when you are shopping and purchase an additional item which can be placed in the box.

Batteries & Printer Cartridges Recycling

Used batteries & printer cartridges can be placed in the boxes at the back of the Church for recycling.

Candle Recycling

We have agreed to trial the recycling of candles. Place any candles into the box at the rear of the Church. It doesn't matter if they are in a glass container etc., the wax will be removed and the container recycled.

Sunday School

A list of when the Sunday School is operating is at the back of the Church.

Finances

The Day-by-Day Scheme

You can choose a date, for example in memory of a dear one, a birthday or wedding anniversary, or any day that has a special meaning to you, when you would like to give thanks by sponsoring the Church upkeep. We record that date and show it on the Pew Sheet and include it in the prayers of intercession. For further details, speak with Veronica Royle – 0755 2225220

Weekly envelopes

If you would like to start donating by envelope each week, there are spare sets of envelopes available at the back of Church. Just take a set and fill in your name and contact phone number and add your name to the corresponding sheet.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is an arrangement that allows the Church to reclaim tax on donations made by a UK taxpayer. This means that every donation to St John's will be worth 25% more at no extra cost to the giver. If you would like to discuss or take forward gift aid, please contact our gift aid officer Stewart Morrish - 079 485 46097/email: giftaid.stjohns@gmail.com

Standing Orders/Gifts

No cash and want to donate to Church? We now have a contactless donation device at the back of Church.

If you wish to set up a standing order or wishing to make a gift to the Church, are banking details are:

Hey, St John, the Baptist Church
Virgin Bank
05-06-46
60865731



“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! - *Isaiah 43:18-19a, NIV*”

St John the Baptist Church, Hey, Lees Oldham OL4 3LH
stjohnhey@gmail.com
www.st-john-hey.org
0161 626 3630

Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to
Stewart Morrish
pewsheetstjohn@gmail.com
079 485 46097

Additional December Services

Carol Service

Sunday 17th December 2023 at 3pm.
Followed by sherry & mince pies.



Christingle

Sunday 24th December 2023 at 6pm.

Midnight Communion

Sunday 24th December - St Thomas, Leesfield
at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day

Monday 25th - St Agnes at 9.15am



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the hope of the nations, and the peace of those who
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Amen.

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Advent Candle

Advent candles tell their story,
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longing for the Day of Glory,
Come, Lord, soon, we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
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