

This Week

Wednesday 3rd January 2024
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 violence in Israel & Gaza.

Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Mathew. Archdeacon David & Area Dean Daniel Revd Paul, Revd Christine and all visiting clergy. All those 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 –
Dunham Street.

The Sick

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

Anniversary of Death

John Atherton, Brian Royle, Ernest Whittaker, Meg Crook, Marian Davies, Edward Clague, Brian Clegg, Shelia Pollock, Raymond Buckley.

Day-by-Day

3 Jan – M.S.M. on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.
4 Jan – In memory of Brian Clegg.

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.

St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 31st December 2023 First Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am. - Holy Communion
9.30 am. - Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

Processional	363	It came upon the midnight clear
First Reading		Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3
Second Reading		Galatians 4.4 - 7
Gradual	409	Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Gospel Reading		Luke 2.15 - 21
Offertory	266	Good Christians all, rejoice and sing
Communion	383	Jesus, good above all other
Communion	812	What child is this who, laid to rest
Final	242	God is love: his the care

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an early home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our homes in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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**

Thank you to those who have donated towards the cost of the poinsettias. The donations were made in memory of:

Rob, Alan, Tom & Alice  
Barry Williamson  
Julie Burton  
Zenta & Karlis Birzniek  
Nikola D'Adamo  
Mavis & Roger Farrand  
Nicola Graham  
Jean & Dennis Murgatroyd  
David Owen, Hilda Owen  
Annie & Bennie Thompson  
Frederick William (Teddy) & Alice Owen  
Wilfred & Vera Topping  
Stuart Hurdus  
David Green.

### **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.

### **Sunday School**

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

### **Fire Safety**

Leave the Church by the nearest exit.  
Front right of the Church.

Back of the Church through main door or through the Church Hall.

### **Book Exchange**

We have a collection of books at the rear of the Church. You are welcome to bring your books you have read and exchange them for another. There is also a box for any cash donations.

### **Batteries & Printer Cartridges Recycling**

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

## **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](mailto: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



“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” –  
*Psalm 119:105, NIV*

Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to  
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079 485 46097