



LANCASTER PRIORY

Diary and Notices

Advent 2

5 December 2021

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Harper Anderson, David Blackwell, Andie Blewitt, Stephen Gardner,
Michael Greenhalgh, Christine Heywood, Marilyn Kenny, Pirkko Leong
John McCracken, Nick Stojic, David and Angela Underwood and Gill Witt

*And those recently departed: **Jack Edwards** and **Lesley Maudsley***

Please pray for their families

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

Girls & ATB

Officiant: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders

Psalm: 75

Responses: Plainsong

Canticles: Gibbons Second

Anthem: *O thou the central orb* (Gibbons)

Hymns: 6, 407

Voluntary: A voluntary of four parts (Gibbons)

Today

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.50am

Vestry Prayers

10.00am

Choral Eucharist

12.15pm

Baptism of Rosie Elizabeth May

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

New to the Priory—A warm welcome if you are new to Lancaster Priory. There are a number of opportunities to join with community, study and social groups for all ages and to stay in touch via digital newsletters and Facebook Groups, as well as our pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you would like to know more then please speak to the vicar or the wardens.

Refreshments—Tea and Coffee will be served in the Military Chapel after the Morning Service and on subsequent Sundays. We urgently need volunteers to help—please contact Hilary Greenwood.

New Notices

Advent Course—Join the Lancaster Priory Community online as we learn together throughout Advent. We will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday Evenings from 7.30pm and following the 'Living in Hope' course written by Catherine Fox. Please join via our website 'This week' page.

Christmas Hampers Mustard Seed is working on providing some Christmas hampers for families in need in our parish, and we are planning to include the following items: Christmas puddings, Mince pies, Chocolate biscuits, Savoury biscuits, Chocolates/sweets, Selection boxes, Dates, Christmas crackers. We would very much welcome donations of these items. If you are able to help please contact either the Dickinsons (01524 68792) or the Kirtleys (01524 64321) as soon as possible. Ideally, donations need to be with us by December 12. Together we can all help in this way to brighten Christmas for local needy families. Christine, Lois, John, and Brian

21 December Carol singing on the Marsh: We are planning to carol sing around the Marsh estate again on Tuesday 21 Dec, setting off from the Community Centre on Willow Lane at 5.30pm. Please come and join in! We always get a good reception, and hand out goody bags as we go for children and adults, A torch is handy, carol sheets are provided. Donations of chocolate money would be very welcome! Please talk to Lois Kirtley for more details.

Christingle Making—If anyone is able to help make the Christingles on 23 December from 10am please contact Frances Whittaker. Email: francesclair2000@yahoo.co.uk

Christingle Workshop—24 December 1.00-2.00pm. If any primary school age children would like to join us for a Christingle workshop to learn all about the Christingle and make their own, please contact Viv: saflo@lancasterpriory.org to book a place in advance

Support Group for the blind and visually impaired—everyone with sight loss is invited to a new friendship and support group. Marsh Community Centre, Lancaster 11.30am-12.30pm Mondays. For information Katie: 07868314807 katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk

In Date Order

Zoom Lectio Divina - next takes place 8.00-9.30pm on Monday 6 December. It will be led by Joop Brouwer. Join us to see if you agree that modern technology gives added value to this ancient practice of praying and meditating on scripture. If you are interested in joining this live online session, please email Nigel Stewart at: n.stewart@lancaster.ac.uk. Nigel will then email you a link to the meeting.

Tuesday Group— The Priory Ladies Group will next meet on 7 December for a Christmas lunch.

Young Church Nativity Trail— Please come and join us for Nativity Trail fun on 11 December from 1pm. There will be two trails: one inside the church and one around the grounds, lots of prizes to be won.

Priory Youth—If you are aged 9 or over, you are invited to a short meeting with the vicar after the All Age Eucharist (10.00am) on the 12 December.

LLF—We are hosting an LLF course from 9 January until 6 February on Sundays after Evensong. For more information and booking details please see the flyer at the back of church.

Christmas Services—please note that due to Covid 19 Christmas services will have restricted numbers and some services will require booking. Bookings open this week.

Christmas Spectacular—There are still some tickets available for the 5pm and 8pm concerts on Saturday 18 December. Please book via the links on our website.

Priory Prayer Lists—If you would like a name to be included on the list please contact Jo Arber in the Priory Office on 65338 or via email office@lancasterpriory.org

Young Church— Volunteers Required. If you would like to volunteer with our Young Church groups, or know anyone how may be able to help, please contact Viv at saflo@lancasterpriory.org

Christmas Gifts? Supporting Local Refugees: Copies of the beautiful Syrian refugee recipe book 'A Taste of Home' (written by refugees) are available from the Verger (or Revd Jill Novell - riverlunelancaster@gmail.com). £20 each. All proceeds to refugees and Lancaster Priory.

PCC Minutes— if you would like to receive the approved minutes on a monthly basis in a digital format, please see the vicar.

The Priory Occasional Singers - new members are always most welcome. Please see Ian Pattinson if you might be interested in joining.

Marsh Community Centre Choir—Mondays at 1.30pm. Welcome all new members are especially in need of an alto line and accompaniment. For more information please contact Hilary Greenwood or Katie Schad.

The Spiritual Growth Group- will meet online once a week on Wednesdays at 7pm for a prayerful spiritual exercise and a time of sharing. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to take part, please email spiritualgrowth@lancasterpriory.org.

Contactless Card Donation Station —you can donate to the Priory using the contact-less card reader which stands beside the door as you leave. All major debit and credit cards are accepted as well as Apple Pay and Android Pay

Service Sheet Sponsorship— If you would like to sponsor a future service sheet please confirm your chosen date and details on a form and post through the office letterbox or email your details to office@lancasterpriory.org. 2022 Dates are now available. Thank you.

Ellen Grayling Cards and Posters —Cards and posters are available to purchase in church.

Smile.Amazon.co.uk—Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to your chosen charity. Just type in our charity number and Lancaster Priory will pop up for you to choose. The number you need to find us is **1131372**. (or search for St Mary Lancaster)

Olive Branch - Please continue to donate food items in the bin at the back of church.

Notices—Notices for the Sunday weekly sheet can be emailed to office@lancasterpriory.org by 5pm on Wednesday each week

This Week

Mon—Thurs	9.30am	Morning prayer
Mon 6	8.00pm	Lectio Divina
Tue 7	10.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	12.00pm	Tuesday Group Christmas Lunch
Wed 8	10.15am	St Augustine School visit
Thu 9	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in refectory
	6.30pm	St John's Hospice Carol Service
Fri 10	4.00pm	Children's Choir
Sat 11	10.30am	LRGS Carol Concert
	7.30pm	Concert: Songs of Christmas

Services next Sunday 12 December—Advent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion
President:	The Revd Canon Tim Girling, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am	All Age Priory Eucharist
President and Sermon:	The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster
6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Officiant:	Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister



The Priory is taking a big hit from a drop in visitor income, venue income, and service collections.

If your income is keeping up, please consider using the QR code to make a donation to the work of the Priory. We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.



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