



# LANCASTER PRIORY

## Diary and Notices

### Advent 4 –Christmas 2

#### 19 December 2021—2 January 2022

*In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:*

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

*And those recently departed: Gordon McCracken and Andie Blewitt,  
Please pray for their families*

**6.30 pm**

**Nine Lessons and Carols**  
**See separate service booklet**

**Full Choir**

#### Today

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Choral Eucharist
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (prebooked tickets required)

### **A Merry Christmas from all at Lancaster Priory.**

**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.

**Stars To Remember**—Frances Whittaker will be selling Stars To Remember at the rear of church today, before and after the 10am service.

#### New Notices

**Covid**—In order to protect one another during the phase of the pandemic masks must be worn inside the Priory (unless you are exempt) and we recommend that people do a lateral flow test before attending large events. The reduced capacity does allow for you to sit socially distanced from others if you wish to do so. Thank you for your patience at this time.

**Baptism Preparation Classes** - the first class will be held on 9 January at 3.30pm in church, and from then on will be held at 3.30pm on the first Sunday of each month.

**Zoom Lectio Divina** next takes place 8.00-9.30pm on Monday 10 January 2022. 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](mailto:n.stewart@lancaster.ac.uk). Nigel will then email you a link to the meeting.

**Tai Chi and Qigong**—Classes to be held every Tuesday from 18 January (7-8pm) in the Upper Priory Hall. The classes will be free but are a fundraiser for the Priory, so donations would be appreciated. For more information please contact Joop 07792 644402 or [jc\\_brouwer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jc_brouwer@yahoo.co.uk) , or feel free to just come along on the evening.

**Christmas Hampers** - Very many thanks to everyone who generously donated their time and money to enable Mustard Seed @ The Priory to assemble and deliver 26 "hampers" (actually, jolly Christmas bags) of seasonal fare. These went to needy families in the parish with the assistance of Willow Lane Primary School, Dallas Road Primary School, East Meets West, and the Marsh Community Centre. The Dickinsons and the Kirtleys.

### In Date Order

**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. This workshop is now cancelled.

**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.

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**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](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org)

**Christmas Cards**—Lancaster Priory Christmas Cards have arrived! A great big thank you to Ellen Greyling for this nativity design especially for 2021. Cards can be purchased in church - £5 for 10 cards. All proceeds will help to support mission and ministry at the Priory

**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](mailto:katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk)

**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](mailto:saflo@lancasterpriory.org)

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org). 2022 Dates are now available. Thank you.

**Smile.Amazon.co.uk**—Shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.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](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org) by 5pm on Wednesday each week

<u><b>This Week</b></u>	Mon—Thurs	9.30am	Morning prayer
Tue 21	10.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Wed 22	2.30pm	Funeral of Gordon McCracken	
Fri 24	11.00am	Crib Service	
	3.00pm	Christingle Service (prebooked tickets required)	
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass (prebooked tickets required)	
Sat 25	8.00am	Holy Communion	
		President: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster	
	10.00am	Christmas Day Eucharist	
		President: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister	

### **Services next Sunday 26 December—St Stephen**

8.00am	Holy Communion	
President:	The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest	
10.00am	Said Eucharist	
President and Sermon:	The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest	
6.30pm	no service	

### **Week commencing 27 December**

Mon 27	10.15am	Holy Communion (St John)	
Tue 28	All day	Church closed	
Wed 29 –Fri 31 Dec	10.00am-12.00pm	Church opening hours	
Sat 1 Jan	All day	Church closed	

### Services Sunday 2 January—Christmas 2

8.00am Holy Communion  
President: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
President: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster  
Sermon: The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon, Associate Minister  
6.30pm Said Evening Prayer  
Officiant: Canon Christine Mullineaux, Licensed Lay Minister

### Week commencing 3 January Mon—Thurs 9.30am Morning prayer

Tues 4 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Wed 5 2.00pm Sanctuary Guild meet in the refectory  
Thu 6 7.30pm Epiphany Service  
Fri 7 4.00pm Children's Choir  
Sat 8 1.00pm Epiphany Messy Church

### Services Sunday 9 January—Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion  
President: The Revd Canon Peter Cavanagh, Hon. Associate Priest  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
President: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster  
Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister  
3.30pm Baptism Preparation Class  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiant: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster



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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