

Weekly Pew News

Sunday 3rd December 2023



Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Today's Services

Complete orders of service can be accessed on a digital device via the QR code or <https://cutt.ly/pwrbcZF6>



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| Sunday 3 rd | ADVENT SUNDAY |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.00am | The Eucharist <i>Common Worship (sung by Girls & Lower Voices)</i>
President: Revd Dr Louis Johnson, Associate Priest
Preacher: Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar
Setting: St Anne <i>MacMillan</i> Anthem: Call of Wisdom <i>Todd</i>
Readers: Peter Hopwood Isaiah 64:1-9,
David Lewis 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 intercessions: Gill Jenkinson
Voluntary: Prelude on 'Wir glauben all an einen Gott' <i>Bach</i> |
| 3.30pm | Baptism Preparation |
| 6.30pm | Advent Carol Service (Full Choir)
Officiant: Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders
Anthems: The Truth from Above <i>Trad Arr Vaughan Williams</i> , Call
of Wisdom <i>Todd</i> , King Jesus had a garden, O Radiant Dawn
<i>MacMillan</i> , Gabriel's Message
Voluntary: Prelude on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme' <i>Bach</i> |

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In our prayers

We remember those who are sick and especially:

Linda Bruce, David Cummings, Stephen Gardner, Henry Grainger, Gethin Hutchins, Alan Kenny, Marilyn Kenny, David Newton, Ann Nicol, Rodney Nicholson, Lynn Morrall, Carolynn Parker, Christopher Peasnell & Coralie Shimmons and John Tinsley.

We remember all who have died recently and pray for those who mourn.

Especially Gary Quigg.

We also remember those whose years mind occurs at this time.

Notices

The deadline for notices each week is 4pm on Wednesday.

This Week

Midweek Fellowship group - (on Zoom) Wednesdays at 7.30-8.45pm. If you are interested in joining us you are most welcome. (email Hilary@lancasterpriory.org)

Midweek Advent Compline – (on Zoom starts 6th Dec) 9pm for a short service at the close of day. (email kaarina@lancasterpriory.org for the link)

Marsh Prayer Group – (on Zoom) Tuesdays at 9am to pray for the community in and around the Marsh area – it includes people from the Priory as well as other local church groups. We would particularly appreciate prayer for our ministry on the Marsh. All welcome (email richard.hawksby@btinternet.com for the link)

Zoom Lectio Divina - 20:00-21:30 on Monday 11 December. Led by Joop Brouwer. All welcome (email n.stewart@lancaster.ac.uk for the link)

Opportunities to Volunteer

Sunday 10 O'clock Refreshments – We require people to help serve tea/coffee. If you would like to be involved, please see Hilary Greenwood.

Eco Church Group – We are looking to convene a new group in Autumn to help pray, think, and take action, about how the Priory community can develop our role in caring for God's creation in the diocese. If you'd be interested in finding out more, or joining the group, please contact louis@lancasterpriory.org

Other Notices

New to the Priory - A warm welcome if you are new to Lancaster Priory. Please stay for refreshments after our 10.00 service, and get to know us better. Stay in touch, sign up to our mailing list via <https://cutt.ly/vwrbRat9>

Carols by Candlelight - tickets now available. Booking in advance is advisable for this popular Priory Christmas concert. The QR code takes you to the booking site or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CWJX>



Christmas Bags for families – We are again preparing Christmas food bags for local families in need. There will be a bucket at the back of church for donations after the service, please be generous! Please join us on Sunday 17th December in the Refectory for a soup lunch, whilst we prepare the bags.

Sign up sheet is at the back of church.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies – All are invited to join Leah & Mark at the vicarage on Friday 22nd December between 3pm & 9pm. Sign up is essential - there is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

Carol singing around the Marsh, Wednesday Dec 20, 5.15 - 7.00pm, meet at the Marsh Community Centre on Willow Lane. Everyone is very welcome to come and sing or help us hand out small gifts. For more information ask Katie after Church or phone her on 07868314807.

Chocolate coins for the Marsh. While carol singing we like to give children chocolate coins and a Christmas story book, to do this we need *a lot of coins*. If you would like to buy coins for us to give out, please can you give them to a vergier, Katie or Hilary Greenwood by Sunday 17th Dec.

Sunday Parking – The Duchy has kindly given us permission to use the parking across the front façade of the castle. It works as follows: 9.30am the entrance bollards (adjacent to the stone steps) allow entrance to the parking spaces, at 10am this will close, the exit (adjacent to the castle gatehouse) will close at 12.30

Charity of the Month – The Marsh Community Centre on Willow Lane serves the needs of the community, running youth groups, weekly food club and groups for everyone aged 0-90. The charity relies on grants and donations for all bills and wages.

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday December 9th 10am-2pm. Please sign up at the back of Church if you would like to attend. It will include prayer, reflections, quiet and

a simple soup and a roll lunch. Our Clergy team, Leah and Louis will be leading this together.

Advent Book Group -(on Zoom) – continues on Tuesday 7-8.30pm following 'The Meaning is in the Waiting' by Dr Paula Gooder. Tio Duffield ALM is leading this group. There is a signup sheet at the back of church. (*Email for the link*)

The Men's Fellowship - This group started in 2020 but was cut short by covid. The great news is that it is planned to start up again in 2024. Further details and an invitation will be circulated soon, but in the meantime please keep the date in your diary for 7.00pm Thursday 1st February 2024 in the refectory. We look forward to welcoming you there.

PRIORY DIARY

*Church public opening times are 10am – 4pm Monday – Saturday.
Access to the garden of remembrance is during opening hours*

Tuesday 5th

10.15am Holy Communion (BCP) *Regimental Chapel*
11.00am Fellowship (Tea, Coffee and Biscuits) *Priory Refectory*

Wednesday 6th

2.00pm Sanctuary Guild *Refectory*
7.30pm Midweek Fellowship Zoom (*Email us for the link*)

Thursday 7th

12.30pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing *St Thomas' Chapel*
6.30pm St John's Hospice: Carols by Candlelight - Ticketed.

Saturday 9th

7.30pm Sufjan Stevens: Ben McCabe concert

Sunday 10th

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All Age Eucharist *Common Worship (boys & Lower Voices)*
President & Preacher Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar
Setting: MacMillan *St Anne* Anthem: Ave Verum *Mozart*
12.15pm Baptisms
6.30pm Choral Evensong BCP (*Girls & Lower voices*)
Officiant: Kaarina Leong, Ordinand
Preacher: Lois Kirtley, LLM

Pastoral Support

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