

Pew News Sunday 15th December



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>

In our prayers this week *We remember those who are sick and especially:*

Linda Bruce, David Cummings, Jonathan Easton, Henry Grainger, Vicky Harvey, David Newton, Ann Nicol, Carolynn Parker, Valerie Pearson, David Cheung, Kaarina Leong and John Tinsley.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for those who mourn. We also remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time.

Today's Services Sunday December 15th Advent 3

08.00 **Holy Communion** (*Traditional Language*)

10.00 **The Eucharist** (*Modern Language*)

President: Revd Leah Vasey Saunders *Vicar*

Preacher: Revd Clare Shepherd

Setting: Westmoreland *Pattinson* Readers: Kathy Cuthbert (*Philippians 4 4-7*)

Intercessions: Sarah Hutchins

Anthem: Oh Radiant Dawn MacMillan

Voluntary: Carillon on Carol of the Advent *Te Velde*

12.15 **Baptism** Williams twins

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Leah Vasey Saunders *Vicar*

Responses: Plainsong. Psalm: 50 vs 1-6

Anthem: Holy is the true light *Harris*

Hymns: 3,625, 443 Readers: Margaret Pattinson (*Isaiah 35*)

Christine Dowbiggin (*Luke 1. 57-66*)

Voluntary: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen *Brahms*

The week's Prayers:

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. Amen

Notices

Please email info@lancasterpriory.org with your notices by 12pm on Wednesday each week.

This Week

Midweek Fellowship group – (Zoom) Wednesdays at 19.30. If you are interested in joining us you are most welcome. Email Hilary@lancasterpriory.org for information.

Marsh Prayer Group – (Zoom) Tuesdays at 09.00 to pray for the community – includes Priory people & other church groups. We greatly appreciate prayer for our ministry on the Marsh. Email info@lancasterpriory.org for the link.

Distribution of Communion – Will be offered at both the high altar and in the Regimental Chapel. The Wardens will be on hand to direct people. This will mean less time pressure in the distribution and, by using the Regimental Chapel, provide a kneel free option.

Young Church dates over Christmas - Young Church will meet on December 22nd, but not on Christmas Day or the 29th. If you have young children, please collect a 'busy bag' of toys as you come into church. We start back on January 5th 2025.

General Notices

School Admissions Attendance Registers – Please sign the sheets at the back of church at the end of each service that you attend.

Call out for Christingle prep helpers – 23rd at 11.00 – 12.00 in the refectory

Our charity of the month – During December we remember the work of one of our Priory sponsored charity links the 'Church Mission Society' (CMS). We pray for their continuing work and support for their many Missionary Partners across the globe. We particularly pray and give thanks for our very own Alan and Lex Hamilton giving thanks for Alan, Lex and their 3 boys. We pray for God's protection and guidance upon their lives as they continually seek to fulfil their ongoing commitment to their very own missionary work and calling in Southeast Asia.

Olive Branch -The charity would like donations of the following, please, so they can make up extra gift bags for guests at the food bank:

Christmas cakes or puddings; Mince pies; Biscuit boxes; Crisps; Chocolates; Non-alcoholic drinks; Nuts; Coffee, Crackers; new toiletries; new children's toys. Please leave anything you can spare in the grey bins that are the back of church every Sunday.

Staying in Touch – If you would like to stay in touch day to day, we have created a new online closed Facebook group for people who worship regularly at the Priory. Please email info@lancasterpriory.org to be sent a link to join.

Historic Religious Building & VAT - There is growing concern about the future of a scheme which allows listed places of worship to reclaim VAT on repairs and upgrades. To help ensure the scheme continues, the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance (HRBA) has shared an online tool, to make lobbying your MP straightforward. Your message could make all the difference, we urge you to please act now, as losing the VAT will add significant costs to any repair projects that we have planned. **The online tool [can be accessed through this link](#).**

Coming Soon:

The Priory is bursting with events leading up to Christmas.

Please do come and support us as we share Christ's message of Hope through song and fellowship with the wider communities around us.

Monday 16 December - Priory on the Marsh will be joining with other churches to go carol singing around the Marsh Estate. Meeting at the Community Centre at 5.30pm to fill goody bags and going singing 6.00 - 7.00ish. Please do join us, everyone is welcome. We would appreciate donations of chocolate coins to give out - please hand these into the vergers.

Wednesday 18 December 3.30pm - Priory on the Marsh Carol service at St Thomas More Church, with children from Willow Lane school singing and refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Thursday 19 December Film Club with bar

Saturday 21 December Film Club with Bar

Monday 23 December Christingle Preparations

Monday 13 January Zoom Lectio Divina next takes place 20:00-21:30 led by Joop Brouwer. please email Nigel Stewart at: n.stewart@lancaster.ac.uk.

2025 Confirmations - There is a signup sheet for those who are interested at the back of church. Confirmation Service will be on the 4th of May 2025 at 10.00. Do talk to a member of the clergy team if you have any questions.

PRIORY DIARY This Week

*Church public opening times can be found on Facebook & Instagram.
Access to the Garden of Remembrance is during opening hours.*

Monday 16th

13.00 Marsh Community Choir Christmas Concert
19.30 LRGS Carol Service

Tuesday 17th

10.15 Holy Communion (*Traditional Language*) *Regimental Chapel*
11.00 Interment of Alan Cherrington
19.30 Bellringing Practice *Tower*

Wednesday 18th

09.00 – 15.00 Priors on the Marsh *St Thomas More RC Church Details are in the porch.*
09.10 LRGS
11.40 LRGS

Thursday 19th

11.00 LGGS Carol Service
12.30. Healing Eucharist with Anointing *St Thomas' Chapel*
13.50 LGGS Carol Service
19.30 Film Club *Church*

Saturday 21st

16.00 Film Club *Church*

Sunday December 22nd Advent 4

08.00 **Holy Communion** (*Traditional Language*)
10.00 **The Eucharist** (*Modern Language*)
President: Revd Leah Vasey Saunders *Vicar*
Preacher: Rachel-Ann Powers
Setting: *Macmillan* Readers: Russell Akerman (*Philippians 4 4-7*)
Intercessions: Chris Bleasdale Anthem: *Christus Natus Est Powell*
Voluntary: *Tocatta Boellmann*
16.00 **Families @ Four:** Revd Leah Vasey Saunders *Vicar*
18.30 **Nine Lessons and Carols**
Officiant: Revd Leah Vasey Saunders *Vicar*
Readers: Eric Boor, Hannah Hall, Joanna Hems, Rebekah Okpoti, Pauline Fielding, Daniel Voce, Leah Vasey Saunders

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