

## NOTICES for the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

**Leeds Diocese / Sudan Church Link:** Tom has some **full colour calendars** in support of the Diocesan link with the Episcopal Church of Sudan. At cost price of just £2.00 these help us remember the forgotten war in the country and see images of church life there. Speak to Tom to reserve a copy!

### **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> December: First Sunday of Christmas**

9.30 am

Telephone Service

*and*

*Penhill Praise*

10.30am

Holy Communion Benefice Service  
at St Margaret's, Preston under Scar

**Penhill Beacon:** Preparation for the February/March issue of the Beacon will be starting shortly. If you would like to contribute a piece, please note Christine needs this by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Deanery Prayer Meetings:** 11am - 12noon, on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, at East Witton Parish Room (near the bus stop at the bottom of the Green. Parking on the road side). Our prayers will have a liturgical structure with space in between for our own prayers and for silent prayer. Everyone is warmly invited to come. Tea/ coffee available at 10.45am.

**Daily Hope**, a free national telephone line, **0800 804 8044** offers music, prayers and reflections from the Church of England 24 hours a day.

**Farewell Service for Jonathan Gough, Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven.** There will be a **farewell (Choral Evensong) service** at 3.30 pm on **Sunday 19 January** in Ripon Cathedral and all are welcome.

**Advent Windows:** As Christmas lights glow in the midst of the dark of the year, look out for numbered Advent windows appearing in Carperby, Thorlby during December and up to twelfth night 5<sup>th</sup> January in West Witton.

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# *The Penhill Benefice*

*United parishes of Aysgarth, Bolton-cum-Redmire, Preston with Wensley & West Witton*

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Phone service** - dial 0333 0110 946

Enter room number **61337190#** and the PIN **7450#**

### **TODAY**

- 9.30 am Telephone Service  
9.30 am Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton  
11.00 am Carol Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth  
Collection for The Salvation Army  
3.00pm Carol Service, Thornton Rust Mission Room  
Collection for The Salvation Army  
4.00pm Carol Service, Redmire Village Hall  
Collection for St George's Crypt.  
6.00 pm Carol Service, St Margaret's, Preston under Scar  
Collection for The Children's Society.

### **THIS WEEK: Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

- 3.30 pm Crib Service, St Mary's, Redmire  
4.00 pm Crib Service, St Bartholomew's, West Witton  
Collection for The Bungokho Rural Development Centre.  
8.00 pm Holy Communion, St Mary's, Redmire  
Collection for St George's Crypt  
11.30 pm Midnight Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

### **Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

- 9.45 am Christmas Communion, Holy Trinity, Wensley  
11.00 am Christmas Praise, St Andrew's, Aysgarth  
Collection for The Salvation Army

### **THE BENEFICE MISSION STATEMENT**

The Penhill Benefice is committed to show the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus. We share together as the body of Christ, in prayer, worship, ministry and fellowship. In the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to mission and outreach and to be a support and comfort in the community.

### Collect

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10. [NRSV - updated edition]

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘See, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 39 – 45. [NRSV - updated edition]

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

### Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Psalm 80: 1-8.

### Readings for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024. First Sunday of Christmas

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 2: 41-end.

Psalm 148.