

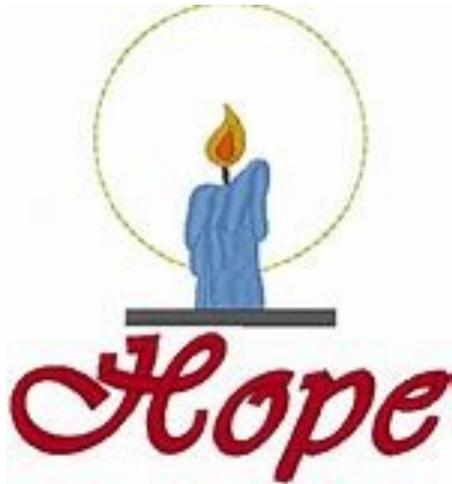


St Mary's • Coxhoe • Durham



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Children's Worship 11 am *The Growing Light* 2nd December 2018



WELCOME!

This morning the journey to Christmas begins with the lighting of the first candle in Advent - the candle of Hope! We will be singing, making stuff, and, enjoying some refreshments as well!

Advent Prayer

Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.
Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.
Shine hope into our hearts we pray.
Amen



Great Big God
TBA
Little Donkey
One more step ..

What's on at St Mary's

Tuesday: Holy Communion at 9.30 am
Coffee Mornings: Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00 am
Next Sunday: Parish Communion at 9.15 am



Please remember in your prayers:

For those in need:

Janice Hall	Duncan Black
Margaret Walker	Hazel Barker
George Storey	Ann Robson
Barbara Pile	Derek Bykerk



Baptised - 'Welcomed into God's family'

Those who will be baptised here this afternoon



***We remember the following this week and give thanks for their lives:
[2nd December - 8th December]***

2nd December	Elsie Brown	1988
3rd December	Hilda Mary Scott	1979
8th December	Alexander Jeffery	1923



Durham Diocese Cycle of Prayer for this Sunday

- The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) (Spain) The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano

The Love that in a Family Dwells

Christmas is, beyond doubt, *the* family event of the year. For holidays and weekends we go away, but at this one time of the year most of us get in our cars to join some or all of the family somewhere.

Being human, there may be the odd squabble or falling out (and if we believe the television drama, not much else), but in fact they are usually treasured get-togethers.

This family element of Christmas probably originates from the story of the birth of Jesus. There must be hundreds of famous paintings of the Holy Family gathered around the manger – Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. It was a little family from which, in the Christian story, vast blessings flowed to the whole human race. The Son of God had an earthly father and mother, and grew up in an ordinary home in an ordinary town. His later life was extra-ordinary, but his home life was utterly normal.

Family lies at the heart of our whole culture. It is created by two things, choice and inheritance. Around the family table are some who are there because by choice they married someone, and others are there because they were born into the family. It's usually a happy mix. We are glad we chose our partner, and we are glad to be members of this family, and probably another one as well. In his poem, 'Christmas', John Betjeman spoke of 'the love that in a family dwells'. It's not a bad idea once a year to celebrate it.



NOTICES

Next Sunday: Parish Communion at 9.15 am

PCC Meeting Dates: 6th December, 17th January, 21st February. Start at 6.30pm .

Children's Society Boxes: Please return to Mrs Hirst **ASAP!** Thanks!

Upcoming events

Children's Worship: 11.00 am Sunday 2nd December

Christingle & Carols: 3.30 pm Sunday 23rd December (Please come dressed as a Christmas biblical character or animal!)

Village Carol Service: Christmas Eve at 6.pm

Christmas Day: Communion & Carols at 10 am



"Goodness! is it time for Christmas Fair organising, carol service planning and nativity play rehearsals already?!"

Contact Information

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Items for inclusion in Notice Sheet should be passed to John Davies by Friday 6.00pm. Tel: 07956 145 926
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