



St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Joint Parish Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's

Welcome to St Wilfrid's!

Before our Service begins you are invited to join in a short time of quietness and reflection in preparation for worship. After the Service please join us for coffee and chat in the Parish Hall.



If you would like to receive email copies of the St Wilfrid's Pew & Reading sheets, the Parish Magazine Connected, and more, follow the QR code!

Bible Study in Advent. Four sessions to be held to discuss the four chapters of Philippians. See the sign up sheet at the back of Church. **Revd Glyn**

Beer and Banter. Monday 1st December, from 7:30pm in the Swan Pub. Men! Join us for chat over a pint. **John C**

Community Lunch. Wednesday 3rd December, 12noon-1:30pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. A lunch of soup, & pudding for only £5. **Pat**

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine. Sunday 7th December, 2-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. A change of venue this year! Tickets only £8 **Pat**

Tea@Two at Christmas!

Thursday 18th December, 2pm-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. Ho, ho, ho! An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. Tickets only £7 from me. **Pat**

Headstart Baby and Toddler Group. Mondays in term time, 9:30am – 11am, St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. You are invited to our Headstart parent/carers baby and toddler group. Parking available behind the church. A small voluntary contribution of £3 would be welcome. **Martin**

Brayton Backgammon. Interested in playing or learning Backgammon? I'm starting a backgammon club in Brayton and looking for people who'd like to join in. All levels welcome, especially beginners! Venue, day & time to be arranged. Interested? Contact me on 07966 596256 or dermot.jenkins@btinternet.com. **Dermot**

St Wilfrid's Pastoral Care. Contact Sue Beevers 01757 229515 (susan.beevers1@btinternet.com) if you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital, or in other need, or who would benefit from being visited by a member of the clergy or others in the Pastoral Team. **Sue**

Safeguarding children and adults. We will take seriously any issues that arise, notifying & seeking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor where necessary. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Linda Bunn, telephone 07711 384003, email safeguarding@stwilfridsparish.com. **Linda**

Help support St Wilfrid's!

There are many ways to support the work of St Wilfrid's: cash/cheques on the plate, envelopes, card machine in church, regular direct debits via Parish Giving Scheme, online bank donations, and legacies. Use of the Parish Giving Scheme is preferred as this reduces the administration for Welcomers, the banking team, and our gift aid administrator. Speak to treasurer Jill Clarke if you need more information. **Revd Glyn**

Services in St Wilfrid's Church from 1st December:

Tuesday 2nd December
10:30am Holy Communion
at Fernbank Court
Wednesday 3rd December
9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 7th December
Second Sunday of Advent
10:30am Morning Prayer

Contributions. to magazine@stwilfridsparish.com. **John C**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the
works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty to judge the
living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and
reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PSALM Psalm 122

R *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.*

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem; **R**
Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes
of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel, to give
thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of
judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **R**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.
"Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your
palaces." **R**

For my kindred and companions'
sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the
Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead,

put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:
"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep
us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son
our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

