

**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



Advent Sunday

Sunday 30th November 2025

10am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Instructions are provided as to when you may wish to stand or remain seated, but if it is more comfortable for you to remain seated, please do so.

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray quietly. Please switch off mobile telephones or put on silent.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and give assembly point details.

Toilet facilities are available towards the back of church.

Please join as for refreshments at the back of church after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.co.uk, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Photographs and Videos

Please refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.

Communion - We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) We have decided not to allow people to intinct (dip) any consecrated wafers into wine. We will simply be offering the opportunity for those who wish to drink from the chalice (communion cup) in the normal way. Please come up for communion as normal, receive the bread and return to your place if you do not wish to drink from the chalice.

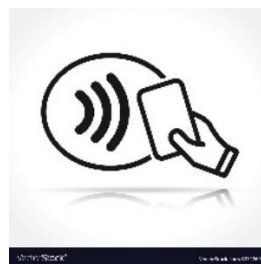
If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please do come forward and hold your hands by your side, or carry a service sheet, to indicate this to the priest.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Father Paul Knight and the Preacher is Father Rob Wiggins.

GATHERING

*All stand to sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (HON 117) when announced.*

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and
consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne!**

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit and then all sing:

**Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.**

All say this prayer together as our young people are gathered round the Advent wreath:

**All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A minister introduces the confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison is sung:

All **Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest says the **ABSOLUTION**, proclaiming God's forgiveness, using these or other words*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the prayer of the day.

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.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 2.1-5

Read by Roy Atkins

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!

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand. During the **HYMN** (HON 401) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

**Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***

**Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone
has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water,
many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth,
many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts
that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24.36-44

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

Alleluia ...

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.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia...**

The Gospel procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON Father Rob Wiggins

All stand for **THE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Sheenagh Bloomfield*

Please sit to pray. One of these responses may be used

	Lord, in your mercy	or	Lord, hear us
All	Hear our prayer.		All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

All Merciful Father
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The Priest invites the congregation to stand and introduces the Peace.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to greet those near to you with an appropriate sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN (HON 288)

I cannot tell how he whom angels
worship
should stoop to love the peoples of
the earth,
or why as shepherd he should seek
the wand'rer
with his mysterious promise of new
birth.
But this I know, that he was born of
Mary,
when Bethl'em's manger was his
only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and
laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the
world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place
of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was
broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty
years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-
hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our
lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy
laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the
world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the
nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his
glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has
sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine
in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the
world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall
worship,
when, at his bidding, ev'ry storm is
stilled,
or who can say how great the
jubilation
when ev'ry heart with perfect love is
filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill
with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices
sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to
earth, will answer:
"At last the Saviour, Saviour of the
world, is King!"

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing as the Priest says

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

All Great is the mystery of faith:
 **Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and all respond

All ... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.

All sit. Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;**

thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei is sung

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Priest invites the people to receive communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

All The body of Christ.
 Amen.

All The blood of Christ.
 Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (HON 124)

**Creator of the starry height,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, redeemer of us all,
Hear thou thy servants when they
call.**

**Thou, grieving at the helpless cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save our fallen race
By healing gifts of heav'nly grace.**

**When earth was near its evening
hour,
Thou didst, in love's redeeming
pow'r,
Like bridegroom from his chamber,
come**

Forth from a Virgin-mother's womb.

**At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees in lowly homage bow;
All things in heav'n and earth adore,
And own thee King for evermore.**

**To thee, O Holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Ward off, while yet we dwell below,
The weapons of our crafty foe.**

**To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honour, might and glory be
From age to age eternally.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in
this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of
the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Remain seated for the Notices.

Following the notices, all stand for **THE BLESSING**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Remain standing for the **RECESSIONAL HYMN** (100CfC 206). *Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.*

**Lo! He comes with clouds
descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold
him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply
wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what
rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O
come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today	6:30pm Advent Carol Service
Tuesday 2nd	2pm 'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service
Wednesday 3rd	10am Eucharist
Sunday 7th	8am Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist 6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Prayers: Please keep those who are unwell, including Father Michael Taylor, Brenda Smith, Christine Morris, Ben and Sophie Sanderson, Eileen Bramley, Beverley Gray, Baby Jack Barnard and family, John Lowe, Carleen Lowe, Des Millar, Paul Smith, Gerri Cooke, David Cooke, David Shaw, Joseph Dackombe, Mari Herter and partner Stefan, Baby George Smith, Cynthia Wiggins, Philip Wheeler, Alan Holmes and Carol Costello in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including John Chidwick and Agnes Banner, as well as all those who mourn.

NOTICES

‘Green Pastures’ Dementia Friendly Service: The next service will be on Tuesday 2nd December from 2pm-3pm. This is a short service of music, prayers and reflection, with tea & coffee afterwards.

Our next **Messy Church** is on Saturday 6th December 3-5pm, when we'll be celebrating the joy of Christmas. Join us for activities, craft and food - all families welcome. We have a great team of volunteers but extra helpers are always appreciated! If anyone is interested in joining the Messy Church helper team, then please speak to Rebecca Gillie or Fenn Sutton.

Children’s Society Box Holders. Can all Children’s Society box holders please let me have the boxes as soon as possible so that all monies can be counted and banked before Christmas. Many thanks *Pam Holland*

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Shoebox appeal this year. We collected 33 boxes which will be sent to children and families in Moldova, Romania, Georgia, Ukraine or Bosnia. This included 6 boxes made from the donated items from the congregation. If you would like to sponsor one of those boxes to cover the £4 cost of the box and transportation please let me know. Thanks, *Katy McBurnie*

St John’s Tree Festival 12th to 14th December - Eco Church tree

Save a tree - Decorate a tree - Plant a tree The Eco Group invite you to save trees by greeting your church friends with a single (small) card displayed on our Eco Church tree. In fact, we’re depending on you to make our tree bright and beautiful for the Advent season! If you wish, you can also make a donation in lieu of the money you have saved, which will go to a charity planting trees for the planet. Thank you.

First Aid Workshops: We will be hosting two First Aid Workshops, provided by British Red Cross on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 15th January 2026 from 7pm to 8:30pm. (You only need to attend one date!) This is a great opportunity to gain some practical first aid skills. We would encourage all participants, in particular, those who are leading/helping at any Church Group, but everyone is welcome. There are sign up sheets at the back of church. Places are limited, so please sign us as soon as you are able.

Confirmation: We will be having a Confirmation at St John's on Sunday 25th January at 6:30pm. If you are interested, please let Kathryn in the Parish Office know asap. There will be some preparation sessions prior to the Confirmation (dates TBC)

Prayer List: We will be renewing the sick list in the new year. If you would like your loved one to remain on the list, please let Kathryn know.

Christmas Cards: There are cards at the back of church. If you are able, please try to deliver some to the houses on your street or local area. Many thanks.

Safeguarding

Over the next few weeks we will be publishing contact details for helplines which may be of use to you or someone you know.

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Telephone 0808 800 5000

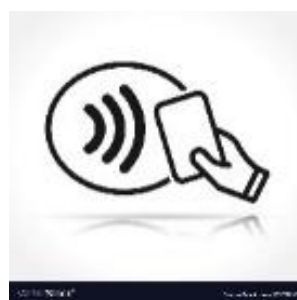
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If you have any concerns, please contact Father Wayne or Julie Howson, our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Contact details below.

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We now have a **contactless giving box** on one of the tables at the back of church. It is very simple to use, with onscreen instructions. You can use either a credit or debit card. Although the machine is set up for a **£6 donation**, you have the option to raise or lower it at your discretion.

Please can we also draw your attention to the **Gift Aid forms and envelopes**, available at the back of church? If you are a tax payer, you are able to Gift Aid any donations made, which means we will receive **25% more than the donation amount**. So, for example, should you donate £10, the church will automatically receive an extra £2.50 via Gift Aid. The Gift Aid we receive really does make a big difference, so we would appreciate you signing up for this.



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Complimentary
Mince Pies
and Mulled Wine

Christmas Carol Service

Join us to celebrate the spirit of Christmas
at Beeston Parish Church.
Gather with family and friends to enjoy an evening of
Carols, readings and music for the festive season.

Music by:
Dovedale Primary School
Handbells by:
St Leonard's Hand Bell Ringers

Tuesday 16th December 2025
Doors open at 5.30pm
Service starts at 6.00pm

At St John's Baptist Church, Church Street, Beeston NG9 1EJ



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Please remember to take this order of service with you. You may wish to look over the readings and notices again.

Once you have finished with it, we would encourage you to recycle it.



Advent and Christmas 2025

Sunday 30th November
6:30pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 7th December
8:00am Said Eucharist 10:00am Sung Eucharist
6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December
Friday 12th 10am - 4:30pm Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 13th 10am – 4:30pm Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 14th 12:30pm – 4:30pm Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 14th December
8:00am Said Eucharist 10:00am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21st December
8:00am Said Eucharist 10:00am Sung Eucharist
6:30pm Christmas Carol Service (with Beeston Methodist Church)

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve
4:30pm Christingle
9:15pm The First Mass of Christmas

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day
10am Parish Family Celebration

All Welcome



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Regular Church Services

Sundays	8am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
Wednesdays	10am	Said Eucharist
Every 1 st Sunday	6:30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Every 3 rd Sunday	6:30pm	Taizé Service
Every 1 st Tuesday	2pm	'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service

Regular Church Groups/Activities

Tuesdays (Term time)	9:30am	ABC2 Baby and Toddler Group
Thursdays	10am	Coffee Stop
Every 3 rd Thursday	4:30pm	Julian Prayer Group
Every Friday	7:25pm	Choir Practice
Every 1 st , 3 rd & 4th Sunday	10am	Youth Group
Every 2 nd Sunday	6pm	Youth Group

Open Door

We aim to open on Wednesdays, following the 10am Eucharist until 12pm