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# Advent Toy Service – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Welcome

Whether you're joining us for the first time or have worshipped here for some time, we're glad you're with us today. Methley is a **Dog-Friendly** and **Inclusive Church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.



## Worship Today 11am

The service today will be on the screen

## Today's Service Team



Service leads: Stuart & Karen  
Reader: Shirley Wright  
Digital Hymnal/Streaming – Stuart Davis



**TOYS & GIFTS** we are collecting new toys/gifts/games for children today. Donations will be given to St. George's Crypt for distribution



## Prayers for those who are unwell

Richard, Ann, Sally, David, Michael, Jack, May, John, Steve, Janet, Julie, Karen, Joanne.

**This Week**

## Today:

Church Open 2pm-4pm

**Tuesday:** 10am Holy

Communion at St. Margaret's Hall followed by refreshments

**Sunday:** 11am Parish Communion

## Looking ahead:



## Children's Society Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th December  
10-12 St. Margaret's Hall



**Carol Service** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

**Christingle** – Christmas Eve 3pm & 5pm (now full)

**Midnight Mass** – 11:30pm

**Christmas Day** – 10am



**Carol Service** – we still need a few more readers for the Nine Lessons at the Carol Service – please speak with Stuart.



## Methley Parish Prayer



Spirit of God,  
move among us here in Methley;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing; Spirit of God, fill our lives with your purpose and love,  
Amen.

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## COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



## PSALM Psalm 72:1-7. 18-19

**R** *The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.*

Give the king your judgements, O God,  
and your righteousness to the son of a king.



The Lord is king; let the earth - re-joice.

Then shall he judge your people  
righteously  
and your poor with justice. **R**

May the mountains bring forth peace,  
and the little hills righteousness for the  
people.

May he defend the poor among the  
people,  
deliver the children of the needy and  
crush the oppressor. **R**

May he live as long as the sun and moon  
endure,  
from one generation to another.

May he come down like rain upon the  
mown grass,  
like the showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall righteousness flourish,  
and abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more. **R**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wonderful things.  
And blessed be his glorious name for  
ever.

May all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy

and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the  
humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.