



Workshop Priory

of Our Lady & St Cuthbert



Sunday 14 December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

Welcome to today's Parish Mass. A loop system is fitted here for those with hearing devices. A collection will be taken at the Offertory, or if you prefer, a contactless machine is available by the South Porch Door. Please respect others by not talking now, simply prepare quietly by reading this booklet or today's hymns. You may like to recite this 4th Century prayer of preparation.

Lord Almighty, send down upon this sacrifice your Holy Spirit. May he declare this bread that we shall eat to be the body of Christ, and this cup that we shall drink to be the blood of Christ. May he strengthen and sanctify us who eat this bread and drink this cup, grant forgiveness of our sins and deliver us from the wiles of the devil. May he fill us with his presence to make us worthy of Christ, your Son, and obtain for us eternal life. Amen.

Please stand when the bell rings and join in with the parts in bold.

Hymn 7

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

The priest introduces the Mass

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

All sing:

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

Let us pray.

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Please be seated

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

35:1-6a, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
'Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Sion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

A reading from the second letter of St James

5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

11:2-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Homily – Fr Jarrett



After a time of reflection please stand when the priest stands.

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day 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.**

**I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Bidding Prayers with the response after each intention:
Lord, hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

After a brief silence the Priest concludes the prayers. Please then be seated for the Offertory, during which a collection will be taken for God's work here- thank you. The bread, wine, altar, cross, priest and people are censed. Please stand when the thurifer approaches.

Hymn 443

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.



It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh,
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,
and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty
and all is at last made manifest,
we who watch for that day
may inherit the great promise
in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of the Consecration:

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you
come again.**

The prayer concludes with:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please stand

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another the sign of peace

Please kneel

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Please come forward now to one of the three Holy Communion stations. If you are used to receiving Holy Communion, then share with us, otherwise bow your head for a blessing.

The Body (Blood) of Christ. **Amen.**

*The choir sing the Anthem
Rejoice in the Lord always - Redford*

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind,
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town,
The sun still shines on, it never goes down,
The Light of the world is risen again,
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

So light up the fire....

Open your eyes, look into the skies,
The darkness has gone, the Son came to die,
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

So light up the fire....

S. McClellan, J. Paculabo & K. Ryecroft

Please stand when the priest stands

Let us pray.

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing. **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity. **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Mother of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky!
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.**



You may like to recite this 4th Century prayer of thanksgiving.

Father, we thank you for your holy name which you have made to dwell in our hearts and for the knowledge, faith and immortality which you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. To you be glory for ever.
Amen

**Please join us now for refreshments
at the West End
and take this booklet home with you
for the coming week's notices.**

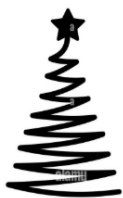


PRIORY CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who made last weekend's event such a success; the stallholders raising funds for church, those welcoming visitors, everyone involved with providing and selling refreshments, and all those who helped move the church furniture out of the way and back into place afterwards. A massive team effort for what proved to be a wonderful event that raised **£1,031.73!**



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



A further massive thank you to everyone who helped staff the church throughout the **Christmas Tree Festival**, without your help the festival would not be able to go ahead.

We received **£600** from tree entry fees and **£130.96** from donations throughout the days surrounding the fair, all of which go towards covering the costs of organising and hosting the festival.

The feedback from visitors, and the community groups who displayed trees, has been overwhelmingly positive. It looks like next year's event could host even more great local groups and organisations! Well done all!

Please pray for

Those considering Confirmation and First Holy Communion;

**peace especially in the DR Congo, the Holy Land, Lebanon, Ukraine,
South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen and Syria;**

for all in need;

our GP surgeries, hospice, hospital, and care homes;

**with thanksgiving that Alex is better and Bev's health is improving...
Glory be...**



the sick, especially;

Angela, Angela, Chris, Christine, Eric, Geoff, Jan, Jon, Mary, Mick, Paul,
Richard, Richard Francis, Tracey, Tuomas, and Violet.

for those who are unable to attend Mass;

Christine, Eileen, Judith, Linda, Maureen, and Tony.

for those who have died recently;

Kathleen Wood and Patricia Ann Malkin

and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

Brian Colin Wilde

15 Dec	Tom Douglas Rose
16 Dec	Kenneth Powell, Elsie May Dernie, Peter Wells
17 Dec	Ernest Edward Mounfield
19 Dec	Lillian Oldfield, Gillian Barbara Entwistle
20 Dec	Gladys Cadman, Veronica Alice Hatfield, Mary Louisa Williams

R.I.P.

rest in peace

Services for the week ahead		
Today	9.30am 11.30am	Mass with Junior Church Mass at Clumber
Monday 15 December Advent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 16 December Advent Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	Funeral of Patricia Ann Malkin Mass
Wednesday 17 December Advent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Thursday 18 December Advent Feria	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass
Friday 19 December Advent Feria	11.15am 12.00pm	Confessions Mass
Saturday 20 December Advent Feria	9.30am 10.00am	Mass Confessions
Sunday 21 December 4th Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass at Clumber



**Live streaming through WorksoP Priory
Facebook Page will take place whenever
possible and technology allows.**



GIVING
as an act of worship
BEFORE GOD
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Due to bank charges for processing cheques and cash, we kindly ask that, wherever possible, people donate money using online banking, even for small amounts. This doesn't cost us a penny. Please indicate in the reference field who it's from, and what for, then we can Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.

Our Virgin Money bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Worksof Priory PCC

Sort Code: **05-09-89** Account Number: **38125853**

For convenience there is also a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments.

You can also donate quickly and easily by scanning our QR code, this includes an option to register your donation for gift aid, it takes a matter of seconds!



Those of you that wish to continue to put cash in the collection plate each week, please note that gift aid envelopes are only required for amounts over £30.

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment, or before Mass on Thursday Evening or Friday Lunchtime.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit if

we can, and especially in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit



RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT

Advent is a penitential time of preparation, much like Lent, which invites reflection, repentance, and a return to God's mercy to prepare your heart for Christ's birth.

Fr Spicer will also be available at the following times in Priory:

Thursday 18th December from 5.45pm
Friday 19th December from 11.15am
Saturday 20th December from 10am
Tuesday 23rd December from 5.45pm

Other Activities		
Tuesday 16 December	1-2pm 2-3pm	CommuniTea at St Paul's Community Pantry at St Paul's
Wednesday 17 December	10.15-11.15am 5-6pm	Songs & Stories Community Pantry at St Paul's
Friday 19 December	10.30am 7.00pm	Public Hour at Priory Advent Evening Music at Priory

CONGRATULATIONS...to the **9th Workop Brownies & Guides** whose Christmas Tree got the most votes at the **Christmas Tree Festival!** They receive the **£100** prize for their group which we are sure they will put to good use! 475 visitors cast their votes throughout the festival and the 9th Workop Brownies & Guides grabbed the biggest share.

A very big thank you to the kind and generous supporter who donated the cash prize which added an element of friendly competition to the event!

EVENING MUSIC at WORKSOP PRIORY
19th December 2025 at 7pm
An ADVENT concert in the baroque
tradition (free admission)

Evening Music is a tradition dating back to baroque times in Germany, where it thrives still. A short concert is given in town churches, with a mix of sacred and secular music programmed. Worksop Priory Choir and friends perform with strings, woodwind, and organ directed by Rosemary Field.



NEW YEAR RAFFLE

Books of tickets are now available in church for you take home and sell, please do try and sell as many as you can, it would be great for our funds if we could sell them all! Even if you can only sell one book, every £1 helps!

In addition to cash prizes we also have an amazing **Food Hamper** kindly donated by Morrisons, with more prizes on the way!

If you are able to help us secure extra prizes from a local business you are connected to, please let us know by emailing admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or calling 07355 850735.

The draw takes place on **Sunday 4th January after 9.30am Mass** so there is plenty of time to help as sell as many tickets as possible through Advent!

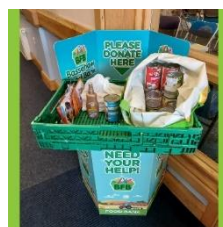
1st Prize £75
2nd Prize £50
3rd Prize £25



Bassetlaw Food Bank



There is a collection box, near the South Porch door.



St Paul's Community Pantry

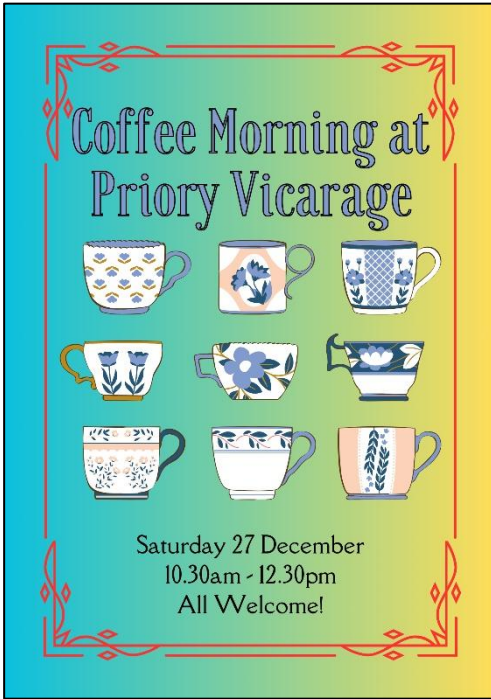


All are welcome,
no referral
necessary




Opening Hours:
Tuesdays 2pm -3pm
Wednesdays 5-6pm

£5 buys a mixed bag of produce, fresh and frozen and ambient products depending on availability.



**Coffee Morning at
Priory Vicarage**



Saturday 27 December
10.30am - 12.30pm
All Welcome!



**Children's Christmas
Christingle Service**

Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24th December
4.00pm
All welcome!
For unto us
a child is born!



Please join us for
Christingle Making
Tuesday 23
December
at 11.00am in church.



**Workshop
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CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Friday 19 th December	7pm
Sunday 21 st December	2pm
Tuesday 23 rd December	11am
Christmas Eve	4pm
	12am

Priory

Christmas Day	9.30am
	11.30am
Friday 26 th December	12noon
Saturday 27 th December	10.30am
Sunday 28 th December	9.30am
	11.30am
	12.30pm



Advent Evening Music
Cumber Carol Service
Christingle Making at Priory
Children's Christmas Service
Mass During the Night at
Mass During the Day at Priory
Mass During the Day (Cumber)
Mass at Priory
Vicarage Coffee Morning
Mass at Priory
Mass at Cumber
Parish Christmas Lunch

Congratulations!

Friday 5th December Draw Winners

£20	57	Mrs J Palmer
£10	50	Mrs S Spridgeon-Davies
£5	73	Ms D Hazelhurst
£5	76	Mrs A Craig



Saturday 6th December - Christmas Fair Draw Winner

£500	24	Mrs J Majewski
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