



**St Mary the Virgin,
Embsay with Eastby
Sunday 10th December 2017
The Second Sunday of Advent**

9.30 Parish Communion

President: Revd Tim Calow
Preacher: Revd Louise Taylor-Kenyon
Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 1: 1-8

Intercessions: Mrs S Moorhouse

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

We pray for all retired clergy, and we give thanks for the many ways in which this Diocese is supported and encouraged by their ministry.

We pray for peacemakers around the world, and for aid agencies who work in difficult and dangerous places. We pray especially today for the people of the Middle East.

We pray for those who are not well or going through tough times including Lynne, Floreen, Claire, Joyce, Annie, Sheila Stevens, Sheila Scott, Hannah, James, Jean Broughton, Vera and Sylvia.

We pray for those who have died recently, including Margaret Boothman, and we hold their families and friends in our prayers. In our Years' Mind, we remember James Alan Woodhouse, Hugh Cairns, Tom Dart, James Jenkins, Muriel Kaye and Thomas Lincoln.

The Collect for today:

***Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God
Amen.***

WEEKLY SERVICES and EVENTS;

Monday - Friday 8.30am: Morning Prayer
Tuesday - 10.30am: Quiet Communion
2-4pm: Tuesday Teas
Friday - 1.45 - 3.15pm in term time:
Smiley Faces Baby & Toddler Praise.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Parish Communion

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end, John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Welcome to our Communion service this morning. If you are used to receiving bread and wine in any church you are welcome to do so here. The service will be followed by Fairtrade tea and coffee served at the hatch in the North Aisle: everyone is invited to stay.. There is also a Fairtrade stall today.

The theme this week is 'Watching': we are encouraged to pay attention to the world around us, to pause for long enough to see the goodness, wonder and beauty around us.

Mary's Meals – it costs £13.90 to provide a meal every school day for a year for a child in Liberia. Help us reach our Advent Challenge total of 100 meals by giving online, and letting us know, or giving the relevant amount of money to Louise TK or Sue Davies, ideally in a clearly marked envelope.
<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/philip-jepps/grace-full-extended>

Christmas Brunch and Bazaar. Thankyou Liz, Sue, and everyone who helped make this a really enjoyable event on Saturday 2nd December. We raised over £700.

Open Door Retreat: this is a way of spending time with others and making space to be alone with God. Wednesdays 2-4pm for nine weeks, starting on January 14th. Please let Louise know by Sunday December 17th if you are thinking of attending this.

32 lucky people will be able to attend an organ recital by Edward Scott on one of these evenings at 7.15pm. Thursday 14th December, Friday 15th, Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th.. Numbers are limited to eight per evening. Mince pies and mulled wine on arrival, refreshments afterwards. Ring 792136 to book a place; tickets cost £10 and proceeds go to Mothers' Union projects.

Christingle Service: this is going to be on Tuesday 19th at 4pm: there will be a Christingle making workshop on Monday 18th between 2 and 4pm. Helpers are needed on the 18th, and on the 19th before **and** after the service to help in the kitchen. Please let Liz or Louise know if you can help.

Christmas Baking – if you are able to bake some extra mince pies for the 19th and for Christmas Day, please let Louise or Liz know.

Situation Vacant!! We will be needing a new Treasurer next spring, as Sue is stepping down after doing this job incredibly well for a long time. Please contact Louise or talk to Sue if you want to know what this involves – it's not difficult.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ Sunday 10th December: Encountering Advent at Embsay Chapel, 4pm.
- ❖ Monday 18th December 2-4pm. Christingle Making Workshop in church.
- ❖ Tuesday 19th December: 4pm Christingle Service
- ❖ For Christmas Services please take a flyer.

If you have any questions about St Mary's please contact Revd Louise on 01756 798057
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PLEASE TAKE A NEWS-SHEET TO PUT THROUGH THEIR
DOOR.**