

The Week Ahead

Mon 3 Dec	9.15am	Morning Prayer - Belmont
Tues 4 Dec	9.15am	Morning Prayer - Belmont
Wed 5 Dec	10.00am 10am 7.15pm	Holy Communion - Belmont Cafe Church - Belmont Parish Hall Bible Study - 22, Wantage Road
Thur 6 Dec	9.15am 12.30pm 7.15pm	Morning Prayer - Belmont The Table Meal - Belmont Parish Hall United Benefice Choir - Belmont
Sun 9 Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Belmont Heather Murray
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist - Pittington Heather Murray
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Belmont Kevin Dunne
	2.30-4.30pm	St Nic's Puppet Show and Christmas Party - Belmont Parish Hall
	7-8.30pm	Funday youth group

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The United Benefice of
St Mary Magdalene, Belmont
and St Laurence, Pittington



Sunday 2nd December 2018 The First Sunday of Advent

8am	Parish Eucharist (BCP) - Belmont Heather Murray
10.30am	Joint Benefice Eucharist - Belmont Heather Murray
2.30pm	Carol Service - Pittington
7-8.30pm	Funday Youth Group

The Collect

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.
Amen

Hymns for the 10.30 service

Bible Readings
Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.9-end
Luke 21.25-36

690 Wake, O wake
790 Wait for the Lord
513 On Jordan's Bank the
Baptist's cry
469 O come, O come, Emmanuel
578 She sits like a bird
choir The Angel Gabriel
399 Lo, He comes with clouds
descending

Notices

For prayer this week:

We pray for Christopher Browne, Anne Johnson, Margaret Mechin and her niece who cares for her, Dorothy Potts, Pamela Uren and for all who are **housebound or infirm**.

We pray for those who are **unwell or in need** at this time, remembering especially Colin Bond, Sarah Davie, Andrew Dover, Joe Hardman, Mike Jackson, Jenny Parkin, Christopher Percival, Audrey Roberts, Jackie Roberts and Trevor Uren.



We pray for all those who have been **bereaved**.

From Our Parish weekly prayer cycle, we pray for: Our Readers and those training for readership; all hospitals in the surrounding areas; people living alone; residents of Graham Terrace, Pittington; Church View, Teasdale Terrace, Pickering Place, Dragonville, Herefordshire Drive, Belmont.



The Mothers' Union has a busy time ahead of them! **3rd December** The annual Christmas meal at Homer Hill farm shop and

restaurant. Please meet at 12-12.30pm

6th December 2pm. The annual Deanery Advent service, this year at St Mary's church in Sherburn.

10th December 1.45pm in Belmont Parish Hall. Branch Christmas social afternoon, singing carols, quizzing and enjoying refreshments.

11th December The final monthly Cathedral prayers for 2018 will be held at 11.15am in the Gregory Chapel of Durham Cathedral, or in the chapel of the Holy Cross if the tree is being decorated.

Bible Reading Notes

"Will those who take the BRF Bible Notes please be aware that the next issue (January- April) of these Notes are now available and they are on the table in the Narthex. Please collect your Notes and tick your name off the list on the brown envelope as having taken them - not forgetting to put your money (currently £4=50) inside the same envelope. NB those new members who joined following our Bible Sunday appeal may have to wait for a short while until yours become available. If you are not yet one of those who are helped in their private Bible reading by these Notes, and would like to take up using them (they come out 3 times a year) please speak to Patrick or Judith and they will be delighted to get Notes for you".

Patrick/ Judith Holroyd

St Nic's Puppet Show
Christmas Story
Sunday 9th December 2.30-4.30pm
Belmont Parish Hall
Bouncy Castle, Party Tea
Suitable for under 6s but all welcome
Please see Carol in the office for further details

Banner Jigsaws

Our beautiful banner, depicting St Mary Magdalene bringing the Easter news to the disciples has been made into a custom jigsaw. The Jigsaws come in various sizes with varying numbers of pieces. All come in a sturdy cellophane wrapped cardboard box with the image on the front and side. The pieces are of good quality cardboard and come in a zip lock bag. The different costs and prices are on a sheet in the narthex and range from £9.90 for a 24 piece jigsaw to £19.90 for a 1000 piece jigsaw. The made-up 1000 piece jigsaw is on display in the Narthex. Please fill in the form in the Narthex if you would like to order a jigsaw. Orders must be placed before 3rd December

Christmas Cards

At St Mary Magdalene Church, we ask people only to send one Christmas card to the whole church and donate the money saved to a local charity. The cards will be pinned up in the Narthex and there will be a collection box for donations.

Christmas Lunch

Belmont Grange Nursing home is offering Christmas lunch to up to four people who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas day. There is no charge but you need to make your own way there and back. Please contact George Kitching for further details on 0191-384-9873

Afternoon Tea at St Laurence
Thursday 13th December
2-4pm
All welcome



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Durham City Nativity
Durham Market Place
Thursday 6th Dec 6pm

Come and join us for a free, outdoor, family treat as we retell the story of the birth of Christ: featuring camels, a donkey, full cast of angels, Romans, shepherds and wise men along with Mary, Joseph and both adult and children's choirs.



We will be making our usual foodbank collection next week for Durham Foodbank.

Reverse Advent Calendar

The Trussell Trust, who run Foodbanks, are once again asking people to consider setting up a reverse advent calendar. The idea is simple - instead of opening a door on a calendar, you put in an item of non-perishable foodstuff every day during advent and then donate the box to a foodbank. If you would like to take part, all you need is a cardboard box! Filled boxes can be brought into church, where someone from Durham foodbank will collect them and send them to the local foodbank, ready to be given out to people in need over Christmas.