



St John the Baptist Hey



Sunday 12th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion

Readings and hymns

Processional	500	Make way, make way
<i>Old Testament</i>		Isaiah 12:2-end
<i>New Testament</i>		Philippians 4:4-7
Gradual	286	Hark a herald voice
<i>Gospel Reading</i>		Luke 3:7-18
Intercessions		Through our lives and by our prayers
Offertory	114	Colours of day
Communion	506	May the mind of Jesus
	463	Lord Jesus Christ
Final	827	While shepherds watched

Lighting of the third Advent candle

John the Baptist

<p>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.</p>	<p>John the Baptist, by his preaching and by water poured, brought to those who heard his teaching news of hope restored: 'keep your vision strong and steady, and be ready for the Lord.'</p>
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Tune 40 Angel voices

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight: for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen,

Poinsettias in church

Every year poinsettias are placed in church in memory of loved ones. If you would like to have one in church, please fill in the slip at the back of church with £6. Thank you.

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This week

Wednesday 15th December

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 16th December

7:00pm Come and Praise

Our prayers are asked for:

World

For all who lost loved ones this time last year and were unable to be with them due to restrictions on visiting.

Diocese

Bishops David, Mark, and Mark, Area Dean Revd Daniel Ramble, Lay Chair Liz Dent, Archdeacon David Sharples.

Street prayers

Heywood Fold Road

Members of our church community

Jean Smith, Enid Firth, Mary Lawton, and Betty Heap.

Years mind

Trevor Styles and Sara Jones.

Short thought

The third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word '*gaudete*' is derived from the Latin word '*gaudium*' which means joy, and '*gaudeo*' which means to rejoice or be glad. To show this change of feeling, to highlight this joy, we light the rose coloured candle on the Advent wreath. This different step of the Advent journey, one of joy, looks ever expectant towards the crib where God came down to dwell among us. Our readings today also reflect the coming joy of the Christ child. The prophet Isaiah cries out the joy of God's salvation, "shout aloud and sing for joy." The letter to the Philippians shouts out the command to bathe in God's promise of hope, "rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice." The Gospel proclaims John the Baptist's zeal and joy to prepare the way for the Lord. Rejoice today and see the joy of Advent come and dwell within you, the Lord is here, His Spirit is with us.

Please send any notices for the pew sheet each week by Wednesday evening via email to Mthr Amy-Elizabeth.

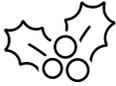
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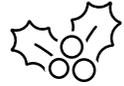
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Christmas services



Nine lessons and carols

Sunday 19th December at 3:00pm

Christingle

Friday 24th December at 4:00pm

Midnight Mass

Friday 24th December at 11:30pm

Christmas Day Eucharist

Saturday 25th December at 10:00am

Boxing day Eucharist

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26th December at 9:30am

Wednesday 29th December – no service