

# EMMANUEL CHURCH NOTICES

## SUNDAY 9th December 2018

The Bible readings are Phil 1: 3-11 (pp1113)

& Luke 3: 1-6 (pp971)

Second Sunday of Advent

### The Week Ahead...

#### Monday 10th

8pm Compline

#### Tuesday 11th

9am Morning Prayer in ECHO

9.30am Holy Communion

With refreshments in ECHO

#### Wednesday 12th

9am Morning Prayer in ECHO

1.30pm to 3pm Family Drop in

#### Thursday 13th

9am Morning Prayer in ECHO

#### Friday 14th

9am Morning Prayer in ECHO

#### Saturday 15th

9am Morning Prayer in ECHO

12pm to 6pm Carols, Cake & Fizz

#### Sunday 16th

9am Holy Communion

10am Refreshments served in ECHO

10.45am Family Worship

6pm Carol Service at Saltburn Methodist Church

*The clergy & prayer ministry team encourage you to speak to them if you have been touched by anything in today's service. They are happy to listen to you and to pray with you.*

**Children's Ministry Treasure Seekers  
& Little Treasures**

**Today: Barbara & Ross in ECHO**

**Sunday 16th: Karen & Keith in ECHO**

The Children's Society

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Today at 3pm

All Ages Welcome

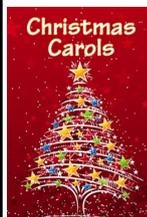
*Come and support the important work of the Children's Society across the UK, as they help disadvantaged, lonely and abused children.*

**Volunteers please meet at church  
2-2.15pm, thank you Christine**

**Carols, Christmas Cake and Fizz  
Join Richard & Angela at home  
at The Orangery, Victoria Terrace  
between 12 and 6pm on  
Saturday 15th December**



Come for 30 minutes, an hour or stay for the whole afternoon. Carols will be led by a range of different musicians.



This is a fund raising event, donations will be split between Emmanuel Church and a local Homeless charity

#### **Joshua Orphan and Community Care**

Our home group will be selling items during refreshments today with all proceeds going to the charity.

Roger and Ann Elgood



**The New City Catechism  
Question 49:  
Where is Christ now?**

**Answer: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.**

*Ephesians 1: 20-21*

*He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*



**Bowls of Bulbs For Sale**  
**Today** during refreshments in ECHO Hyacinths, mini daffodils and crocus'

**Table Top and Collectors Sale  
Saturday 15th December  
10am to 4pm**

**All proceeds to the church fabric fund**



**"MADE IN SALTBURN Extra"  
Saturday 15th December  
10am to 4pm in ECHO**

Another chance to buy local handcrafted items. Scarves, gloves, shawls and tweed bags. Proceeds for church funds.

Thank you, Margaret Bennett.



Donations of mince pies would be appreciated for the Christmas Singalong, please leave in the hall kitchen or drop off at the church office  
Thank you

**Communion at Emmanuel**



Please remember not to intinct (dip) the consecrated bread/wafer into the common cup. If you prefer not to

drink from the common cup, please take the bread only. Thank you

**"Christmas Sing-a-long"  
Thursday 20th December 7pm  
in ECHO Main Hall**



Bring along your own bottle  
**£2 on the door**

**Mince Pies & Mulled Wine included  
Everybody Welcome**

**Members of the Prayer Ministry Team are available at the end of each service to offer prayer and a listening ear. Please introduce yourself to a member of the team at the front, left of the church.**

## Scripture Readings for Sunday 9th December

### Philippians 1:3-11 (NIVUK)

#### Thanksgiving and prayer

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

### Luke 3:1-6 (NIVUK)

#### John the Baptist prepares the way

**3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation.'"

#### **Communication and Keeping in Touch**

*Revd Adam Reed needs to divide his time between Emmanuel and St Thomas' and often misses news and information which sometimes doesn't filter through. E.g. good news and sad news. If you're not sure if he has been told about something, he is more than happy to hear it twice!*

## Scripture Reading for Tuesday 11th December

### Isaiah 54: 1-17 (NIVUK)

#### The future glory of Zion

**54** 'Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labour; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,' says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> 'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup> 'Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband – the LORD Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. <sup>6</sup> The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit – a wife who married young, only to be rejected,' says your God. <sup>7</sup> 'For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. <sup>8</sup> In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,' says the LORD your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup> 'To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. <sup>10</sup> Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,' says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

<sup>11</sup> 'Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with lapis lazuli. <sup>12</sup> I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. <sup>13</sup> All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace. <sup>14</sup> In righteousness you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. <sup>15</sup> If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

<sup>16</sup> 'See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc; <sup>17</sup> no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,' declares the LORD.

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