



**WORKSOP
PRIORY,
ST PAUL'S
AND
CLUMBER CHAPEL**



Sunday 10 December 2023



Second Sunday of Advent

**Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

Amen

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Please pray for

the sick, especially,

Dennis, Hazel, Janet, Jannette, Jon, Juhani, Michael, Paul,
Peter, Richard, Rob and Wendy

for those who are unable to attend Mass,

Anne, Becky, Eileen, June, June and Trevor

those who have died recently

Marina Ray Raisbeck, Jean Allison and Susan Maureen Harrison

and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time

- 10 Dec William Hoggard and Mary Swann
- 11 Dec John Haydon Relph
- 12 Dec Fanny Mountfield, Stuart Eric Allen, George Joseph Parker,
Roy Mangham and Sarah Fox
- 13 Dec Kathleen Jackson and Constance Iris Palmer
- 15 Dec Tom Douglas Rose
- 16 Dec Kenneth Powell, Elsie May Dernie and Peter Wells



Please pray also for all those who are struggling in the current financial climate, for world peace especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan and Yemen, for our hospice, hospital and prison staff and for the staff and pupils in our schools.

Services For The Week Ahead

Today 9.30am Sung Mass with Junior Church at Priory
 11am Sung Mass St Paul's with Junior Church
 11.30 Mass at Clumber Chapel

Mon 11th 9.30 am Mass at Priory
Advent Feria

Tue 12th 9.30am Mass at St Paul's
Advent Feria

Wed 13th 9.30am Mass at Priory
S Lucy 6.00pm Mass at S Paul's

Thurs 14th 6.30pm Vigil Mass with Choir at Priory
S John of the Cross

Fri 15th 12noon Mass at Priory
Advent Feria

Sat 16th 9.30am Mass at Priory
Advent Feria

Next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent - Bambino Sunday

9.30am Sung Mass with Junior Church at Priory
11am Sung Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church
11.30am Mass at Clumber Chapel



Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need.

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



The Sacraments of Healing



- a. Reconciliation
- b. Anointing the Sick



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Other Activities

Tues 12th	10am	Place of Welcome Coffee Morning at St Paul's
	10am	Admin Public Hour at St Paul's
	1pm	CommuniTea at St Paul's
	2pm	Food Hub at St Paul's
	4.30pm	Boys Brigade at St Paul's
Wed 13th	10.15am	Songs and Stories at Priory
Fri 15th	10.30am	Admin Public Hour at Priory Baptism, wedding and any other enquires welcome.



BAMBINO SUNDAY

Sunday 17 December
9.30am
at Priory

Please bring along your Bambino- The Christ child figure- from home nativity scene to be blessed.



CHRISTMASS CARDS

Please do not leave Christmass Cards in church, please hand them out. At Priory you are invited to write one to the whole parish, pin it to the board and make a charitable donation reflecting the amount you would have spent by sending individual cards.



Priory Christmas Cards 2023

Our Giving

If you are able, please make your tithing, your financial donations to the work of God at Priory, St Paul's and Clumber Chapel, through your bank.

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Workshop Priory PCC:

Virgin Money Sort Code: 05-09-89

Account Number: 38125853

There is a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments. Any donation of £20 or under will be automatically gift aided.



St Pauls CHRCH(Manton)Workshop Parochial CHRCH

CNCL:

HSBC Sort Code 40-47-21

Account Number: 20724599

Those of you who wish to should continue to use the envelopes, putting them in the offering plate each week.



OFFERING

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED; FREELY GIVE.



**St Paul's Church,
Manton, S80 2TS**



Bassetlaw Food Hub

A food hub is different to a Food Bank. It is food donated that would otherwise go to landfill ie be wasted. So please do come and see what's on offer and stop food waste.

Anyone is welcome on a Tuesday from 1 pm for a cuppa and a chat with the distribution of food beginning when the room is ready and numbers have been allocated. Bags cost £3.50. This could be anytime from 1pm, however fairness and respect of others will always continue to be our overriding principle. We will remain open until all who wish to have been through or until the available food comes to an end.

In the spirit on zero waste we have introduced reusable bags which we give to our regular hub users and ask that they bring them each week. Everyone using the same size bags contributes to the fairness that we strive to achieve in our management of the Food Hub. Biodegradable single use bags are also available for use when necessary.



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Bassetlaw Foodbank

This week's Shopping List



We're

asking

for ...



There are collection points at the back of Priory and St Paul's Churches

If you are unable to get to the shops but would still like to help please use the link:
www.justgiving.com/bassetlawfoodbank

WINNER

CLUB

Wednesday 6 December

£500 No 67 Mrs K Walters

£20 No 19 Mr P Klonowski

£10 No 28 Mrs S Turner

£5 No 95 Mr R Howard

£5 No 02 Mrs C Palin

There are still some numbers available for this Priory fundraising venture. In addition to the weekly draws there are two £100 draws and an annual £500 draw. Each number is £1 per week.

If you would like to be in it to win it, contact Ivy Underwood who will be happy to help you.

Worksop Community Christmas Tree Festival and Priory Christmas Fair

The Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair at Priory made a magnificent profit of £1410.

Thank you to everyone who made these events so successful. Over 1,000 visitors came to Priory over the five days with some very helpful relationships formed with organisations across Worksop and the wider Bassetlaw area.

Keep the dates

Christmas Tree Festival 2024

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| Set-Up Day | Tuesday 3 December |
| Festival | Wednesday 4 December until Sunday 8 December |
| Christmas Fair | Saturday 7 December |



PRESS RELEASE November 2023

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE GATEHOUSE?

Thanks to support from Historic England, Bassetlaw District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Heritage Fund, work has commenced on the urgent repairs needed to begin the restoration and regeneration of Workshop Priory Gatehouse, a Grade I Heritage at Risk building.

In the coming weeks, scaffolding will be erected and large posters displayed featuring links to information on 'What's in store for our Gatehouse' and 'What's inside the Gatehouse building'.

Passers by will be able to scan QR codes to learn more of the work being undertaken and to immerse themselves in a virtual reality tour of the inside of the Gatehouse.

Pinnacle Conservation Ltd., in conjunction with local heritage and conservation specialists Soul Architects, will be carrying out urgent repairs to the historically important building to ensure it remains a viable space and prepare it for its next stage of development.

As a new chapter in the building's 700-year-old history, Workshop Priory & Gatehouse Trust are also working with MA Architecture students from Sheffield University's Live Projects team, to develop longer-term restoration and regeneration plans, with the aim of ultimately providing a lasting legacy for the community.

More information about the history of the 14th century gatehouse can be found on the Workshop Priory & Gatehouse Community Trust's website at www.wpgct.org.uk.

Trust Chair, Fran Walker said: "We're excited to be able to start the process of returning the Gatehouse to its former glory. Whilst this immediate work is focussed on repairs and restoration, it will serve as a critical stepping stone to our plans for regeneration. We are so grateful to the support we've received from our funding partners and the incredible imagination injected into our planning from the students from Sheffield University. We've some exciting ideas to share with our community so watch this space!"

ENDS

For further information, interviews or images, please contact **01909 476118**



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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

A guide to events and more information about Workshop Priory & Gatehouse Community Trust can be found at:

<http://www.wpgct.org.uk/events>

<http://www.wpgct.org.uk/learning-activity-packs>

<http://www.wpgct.org.uk/workshop-priory-gatehouse-the-movie>

A digital overview of the Tickhill Psalter, created at Workshop Priory, is available on the New York Public Library's website at:

<https://digitalcollections.nyp.org/collections/psalterium-2#>

Supporting imagery



Image 1: Artist's impression of the Gatehouse during repairs with banners linking to further information.



Image 2: Worksop Priory.



Image 3: Grade I Listed, Worksop Priory Gatehouse.



Image 4: Scene from Worksop Priory Gatehouse - THE MOVIE!

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