

# The Parish Church of S. Helen, West Auckland

Our mission is to love, serve and worship Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Sunday 10th December 2023 – The Second Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Morning Prayer

**10.00am PARISH MASS**

10.00am Sunday Club

11.00am Coffee Hour

**1.30pm Christmas Fayre**

*Welcome to any visitors who have joined us this morning. You are most welcome, please relax and simply join in the service where you can service where you can*

## **Christmas Services**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.30am Messy Christmas**

**6.00pm – Christmas Concert with Ferryhill Town Band**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00 am Parish Mass Advent 4**

**4.00 pm Family Service & Christingle**

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass with Carols**

**Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30 am Family Mass with Carols**

**Today 1.30 – Christmas Fair** – in the Parish Centre. This is our major fundraising event of the year so please let everyone know and come along with your family and friends. For those going straight to the Centre there will be Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches available.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm** - Christmas Concert with Ferryhill Town Band – Mulled Wine and Mince Pies before the service please encourage all your friends to attend admission free but there will be a retiring collection to help offset the costs.

**Monday and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December** we will be starting to prepare the Church for Christmas if you are available to help, please see Father, John B or Pat for more details.

**Wine Tasting Evening** in the vicarage for those who bought places at the Auction Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Epiphany Lunch** -Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - £20.00 please book your place asap.

Next Quiz Night is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Ark 7.00-Fancy Dress Optional

**Messy Church Christmas Special Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** in the Ark 11.30

**Jolly Tots – Preschool with mums, dads, or grandparents** Tuesday in the Centre from 11.30am – A free lunch is provided.

**Busy Bees– Preschool with mums, dad or grandparents** Thursday 11.30am in the Centre. A free lunch is provided.

**The Computer course** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the Ark

**Collections during Mass**-please use the plate by the door or the tap and go machine to give by card. Thank you for your support.

**Christmas Gifts for Church** -Once again you will be able to purchase Christmas gifts for church in memory of loved ones. High Altar Candles £60, Nave altar candles £20, Lady Chapel candles £20, Incense £40. Flowers by donation or a full stand £40. Indoor tree 2 x £40, Outdoor tree £50.00. Lamps for Christmas Week £20.00

**Christmas Angels available from John Bake in memory of loved ones for the Angel Tree**

**PCC Roof Sub-Comitee Meeting Dec 17<sup>th</sup> after Mass**

**Safeguarding: The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officer Mrs Dianne Chew.**