

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

7TH AND 14TH DECEMBER 2025

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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Collect, readings & hymns for 2nd Sunday of Advent, 7th December

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1 – 10
Romans 15: 4 – 13

Hymns: New English Hymnal

12 On Jordans bank the Baptist's cry
6 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour
comes,

Gospel:

Matthew 3: 1 – 12

10 Long ago, prophets knew
501 Advent prose
11 O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Collect, readings & hymns for 3rd Sunday of Advent, 14th December

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1 – 10
James 5: 7 – 10

Hymns: New English Hymnal

7 Hills of the North, rejoice,
286 From glory to glory advancing,
12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
501 Advent Prose
15 The Lord will come and not be slow,

Gospel:

Matthew 11: 2 – 11

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Sue Bale, Bob Moore, Bruce Thompson, Sue Day, Catherine, Roger, Fiona.

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Pat Eilback, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 7th December: Doris McKenzie, Ian McInnes, Robert Thompson, Neil Watson, William Clark, Winnie Johnson, Barbara Telford, Ivy Liles, Gwen Smith, Winnie Paul, Ruth Laming, Mavis Secker, Susie Brett

Week beginning 14th December: Margaret Hunter, Jean Phillips, Mary Clark, Ethel Giles, Les Brown, John Stevenson, Harvey Walker (priest), Vera Neville, Norman Robinson, Dilys Palmer, Denis Tapsell, Emily Bibby, Neil Tipple

Prayer intentions for week commencing 7 th December		
Sun 7	2nd Sunday of Advent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 8	Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Our families</i>
Tue 9	Of the day	<i>Delivery drivers</i>
Wed 10	Of the day	<i>Local hospitals</i>
Thur 11	Of the day	<i>Advent course at St Peter's</i>
Fri 12	Of the day	<i>Christmas Tree Festival</i>
Sat 13	St Lucy	<i>RNIB</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 14 th December		
Sun 14	3rd Sunday of Advent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 15	Of the day	<i>Hospitality workers</i>
Tue 16	Of the day	<i>The Flower Guild</i>
Wed 17	Of the day	<i>People's Kitchen</i>
Thu 18	Of the day	<i>Royal Mail employees</i>
Fri 19	Of the day	<i>Water Aid</i>
Sat 20	Of the day	<i>SWEP</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

**Morning Prayer at St Paul's
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's
Contemplative Prayer group
St Paul's open for private prayer**

Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday at 9.30am
Friday at 2.30pm
Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 7 th Dec	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm
Monday 8 th Dec	Blessed Virgin Mary	Eucharist 10am
Wednesday 10 th Dec		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 14 th Dec	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Community Carol Service 4pm
Wednesday 17 th Dec		Eucharist 10am
Saturday 10 th Dec		Advent course Eucharist and shared lunch 12 noon St Mary's
Sunday 21 st Dec	4 th Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Quiet Christmas 6pm

Dates for your diary

Advent course	Thurs 11 th 7.30pm & Sat 20 th Dec 12 noon
Fiesta Whitley Bay	Sunday 7 th December 11am to 3pm
Christmas Tree Festival	Thursday 11 th to Sunday 14 th December
Community Carol service	Sunday 14 th December 4pm
Quiet Christmas	Sunday 21 st December 6pm
Children's Christmas activities	Monday 22 nd December 10am to 12 noon
Carol singing at Eothen	Tuesday 23 rd December 11am
Patronal festival supper	Saturday 24 th January 2026 7pm

Eucharist	Wednesday 24 th December 10am
Crib service	Wednesday 24 th December 3pm
Nine lessons and carols	Wednesday 24 th December 6pm
Midnight Mass	Wednesday 24 th December 11pm
Christmas Day Sung Eucharist	Thursday 25 th December 10am

Notices

Advent Course 2025: together with the parishes of St Peter's and St Mary's Monkseaton we will be journeying as church families through Advent exploring the meaning of the Advent Wreath and the four great virtues of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. All welcome.

Thursday 11th Dec at 7.30pm at St Peter's Monkseaton

Saturday 20th Dec at 12 noon at St Mary's Monkseaton Eucharist and Lunch

Fiesta WB: will be held in St Paul's church and grounds and Whitley Bay shopping centre on Sunday 7th December from 11am till 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this community event – lots of fun, stalls, music, activities and refreshments.

Christmas Tree Festival 2025 at St Paul's: The opening ceremony is 4pm on Thursday 1st December. The church will be open to see the trees on Friday 12th 3pm to 5pm, Saturday 13th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday 14th and closing with a community Carol Service at 4pm.

Communion and Carols at Eothen: you're invited to join with Eothen residents on 23rd December at 11am for their regular communion service, and also to sing some Christmas carols together. Everyone is welcome to join in. We'll set off from church at 10:45 so that we can be in place for a prompt start.

Children's Nativity Activity morning: Monday 22nd December from 10am to 12noon with activities, crafts, dressing up and music for the whole family. Come along and follow the trail at your own pace, collecting stickers as you go to complete the nativity scene! Suitable for all, but especially families with children up to 11 years old.

Christmas flowers: There is a box at the back of church for donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers. Thank you, The Flower Guild

St Paul's Christmas Card: please take a Christmas Card from St Paul's WB (from the back of church) with all the services times during this Christmas 2025.

New to the UK project: If anyone would like to give a child's gift bag (stocking filler-type) for Christmas the deadline is Sunday 14th December. Total value should not exceed £7 to £9 and should be suitable for primary school age children. Any questions, ask Pat Bond. Thank you

Remembering Mowgli: you can still order copies of the *Remembering Mowgli* booklet, just £3 each. All proceeds to St Paul's and Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels.

Patronal Festival Supper 2026: Saturday 24th January at 7pm Pie and Peas supper with entertainment.

Cullercoats Educational Trust: the Trust is able to help individuals and groups from the parishes of St Paul's and St George's with funding for studies, promoting Christian religious activities and helping to achieve religious, social and physical education goals. See posters for more information. The deadline for the submission of application to be considered at the next meeting is Friday 6th February 2026.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 19th December 2025*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com