

# PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER + ST PAUL'S + ST MARY'S

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Second Sunday before Advent

Service Today:

9.30 Eucharist at St. Paul's  
10.30 Sung Eucharist at The Minster  
11.00 Eucharist at St. Mary's  
12.30 Baptism at The Minster

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## Reflection

I vividly recall a visit to churches in Nigeria over 20 years ago and seeing a church in a very rural area which was literally just some benches under the shade of a tree. No doors or windows or walls. I asked what happens when the rains come and was told, "we bring our umbrellas". In that church was a simplicity and joy in Christian faith and while they had plans to build a church building, I'm sure they'd get on just fine without it as indeed they already were.

In our gospel reading today, one of the disciples looks up at the vast Temple in Jerusalem and exclaims what a marvel it is. Jesus points out that it will not last. Humans build and place one stone on top of another but on this earth nothing lasts forever. I love our church buildings and know we all do but it is worth remembering how turbulent but temporal are the things of earth. In the lifetime of the disciples the Temple would fall! Thus, the words of Jesus were prophetic to that time but still today remind us to fix our hopes on things eternal.

Fr Simon

## This Week's Diary

Minster open daily 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer is said daily Monday - Thursday in the Minster at 9am All welcome

Date			
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Craft Group	St. Mary's
	14.00	Place of Welcome	St. Paul's
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Lunchtime Eucharist	Minster
	15.00	St. Paul's Maintenance	St. Paul's
	15.30	Priory School Rehearsals	Minster
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Midweek Eucharist	St. Mary's
	10.00	Christmas Fayre Setup	Minster
	12.30	Wednesday Club	St. Mary's
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	BCP Eucharist	St. Mary's
	13.00	Christmas Fayre Setup	Minster
	16.45	Choristers Rehearsals	Minster
	19.00	Bell Ringers Practice	Tower
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	Christmas Fayre on until Sunday	Minster
	19.30	Hand Bell Ringers	Minster
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	Vestry Hour	Minster
	19.30	Lardal Kantori Choir from Norway Concert	Minster
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Sunday before Advent</b>	
	10.30 17.00	Parish Eucharist Christmas Fayre Clear-up	St. Mary's Minster

## NOTICES

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph Knight as Director of Music, Arts & Culture, start date tbc but we look forward to Joseph's contribution of our musical and artistic life.

**Gt Yarmouth Christmas Fayre** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Minster & our **Angel Festival** at the Minster Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to volunteer for either to welcome visitors please contact the office or speak to Wendy, Rev Liz or Tracy.

Christmas Fayre clear up: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm. Can you spare some time to Hoover, sweep and tidy after the Fayre?

St Paul's Maintenance: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 3-5pm: can you spare some time to help clear, clean and tidy at St Paul's?

Lardal Kantori is a choir from Norway who will be giving a concert at the Minster on Sat 23 November at 7.30pm. It's a beautiful, seasonal concert. Tickets £10.

Minster Maintenance on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December is Advent Sunday. Mark the start of this season of light at our Advent Service at 6pm.

St. Mary's Church has a Salvation Army collection bin for clothes and textiles, and also one for paper, which help to raise money for the church. They can be found outside the church hall.

**Parish Magazine:** The November magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: [patstringer1840@gmail.com](mailto:patstringer1840@gmail.com)

**PARISH PRAYER LIST.** Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Michael & Margaret, Miriam, Kevin, Richard, Wendy, Peter, Michael. We remember before God the recently departed: Stuart Woithe, Derek Yaxley, Larry Horn, Emile Corker. We pray for Calliope who is being baptised today.