Parish of Great Yarmouth

Come as you are.

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

Sunday 29th November 2026 – First Sunday of Advent

Services Today:

09.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Paul's
10.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at the Minster
11.00 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's
18.30 Advent Liturgy at the Minster

Reflection

A book which always comes out in our house at this time is The Christmas Chronicles by chef Nigel Slater. He reflects on the small rituals and observations that mark the journey towards Christmas. He notices changing light, seasonal foods, familiar traditions and moments of quiet anticipation. What makes the book so appealing is that it reminds us that Christmas is not simply a day to arrive at, but a season to enter slowly and thoughtfully. And there's some great food in there too!

Advent begins not with frantic activity, but with an invitation: to make space. As Christmas approaches, our diaries fill with shopping, events, concerts and preparations. Yet the Church asks a
different question first: have we prepared our hearts?

Advent invites us into that same spirit. Before we celebrate Christ's birth, we are encouraged to pause, watch and wait. That may mean setting aside a few moments each day for prayer, opening the Scriptures, attending worship more faithfully, or simply creating a little silence amid the noise.

May this Advent be a season of holy expectation, and may we find time to prepare a place for him in our hearts.

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	Time	Service/Event	Church/Location
Monday 30th Nov	10.00 14.00	Craft Group Place of Welcome	St Mary's Hall St Paul's
Tuesday 1st Dec	12.00 14.30	Lunchtime Holy Communion Hand Bell Ringers Practice	Minster Minster Vestry
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 10.00 12.15 14.15	Midweek Holy Communion Small Sounds Wednesday Club Women's Fellowship	St Mary's Minster St Mary's Hall St Paul's Hall
Thursday 3rd	10.00 19.00	Reflective Space Choir Rehearsal	St Mary's Minster Choir Vestry
Friday 4th			
Saturday 5th	10.00 10.00	Vestry Hour Inclusive Church Coffee Morning	Minster Minster
Sunday 6th	09.30 10.30 11.00 18.00	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Choral Evensong	St Paul's Minster St Mary's Minster

Notices

Small Sounds: A fun, friendly music group for children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers. Come and make new friends with singing, musical play, rhythm and movement. Wednesdays during Term Time. 10am at the Minster.

Faith House with Hope Into Action: The refurb is well under way. I am still looking for 1) help with furnishings, especially 2 single beds and 2) help with the overgrown garden. Please contact Pam on 01493 858332

Harbour Words is a daily thought brought to you by various local Christian Ministers. Weekdays at 7.30am and repeated at 5.55pm on Harbour Radio | 107.4FM | www.harbourradio.co.uk Click "Listen Live" | Smart Speakers "Play Harbour Radio"

Minster Maintenance: Monday 28th December at 18:00. Join us for some sweeping, tidying, and general upkeep. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand!

Parish Life Magazine: The December issue is out now. Send your articles to patstringer1840@gmail.com

Do you have a safeguarding concern? Email: safeguarding@gtyarmouthminster.org or call Nerys Dodds on 07739 166078



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: Kevin, Len, Norman, Melanie, Dawn, Pauline, Carol, Christine, Amy, Lisa, Jackie, Jade, Dean, Patricia, Alex, Michael, Juliette, Simon and Yvonne. We remember before God the recently departed: Fred Simeon and Ann Layton