

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, SHIREMOOR SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019 – GAUDETE SUNDAY

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST AND WINGED LIONS followed by the decoration of the Christmas Tree!

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55 – **My spirit rejoices**

in God my Saviour

James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Today's Hymns (HYMNS A&M NEW STANDARD):

575 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

738 Thou whose almighty Word

268 How lovely on the mountains

88 Blest are the pure in heart

338 Jubilate, everybody (x2)

THIS WEEK - ADVENT 3:

TUES: 11.30am Mass in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Slimming World

7.00pm Advent Group (Lady Chapel)

WED: 7.00pm Beginners' Yoga in the Church Hall

THUR: 7.00pm Late Create in the Church Hall

NEXT SUNDAY – ADVENT 4:

10.00am Sung Eucharist and Winged Lions

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

This service will be followed by a buffet lunch to say goodbye to Rachel, Fr Tony, Gabriel and Ziva.

Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to bring some food for the buffet next Sunday!

WESBITE AND FACEBOOK:

We are still looking for people who can take on the job of editing the church website or being Facebook administrators – please let Fr Tony know if you would like to do one of these jobs!

Getting in touch during the week:

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Coming up at St Mark's:

Mon 23rd Dec: 2.00pm Rehearsal for Nativity *followed by Winged Lions' Party!*

Mon 23rd Dec: 6.00pm Christingle making

in the Church Hall

Tues 24th Dec: 3.30pm Winged Lions meet for

4.00pm Nativity and Christingle

Tues 24th Dec: 11.10pm Mince pies and mulled wine

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Weds 25th Dec: 10.00am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Sun 29th Dec: 9.30am Mass for Christmas 1

Sun 5th Jan: 9.30am Epiphany Mass

Tues 7th Jan: 11.30am Midweek Mass returns

12.00pm Lunch Club returns.



We believe in Inclusive Church. Everyone is welcome at St Mark's!