

Allendale with Whitfield and Ninebanks
Sunday 3rd December 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Hymns

No 24 Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
No 28 Lo, He comes with clouds ascending
No 30 Hark the glad sound

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 33.14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

I Thessalonians 3.9–end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25–36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all

who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Decorating the churches for the Carol Services and Christmas.

Calling all those who have greenery in their gardens or can get out into our amazing countryside to sensitively prune a few boughs! Your help is needed to supply boughs of holly or other berried shrubs/trees, trails of ivy or any other foliage. This is needed to decorate all three churches in our Benefice ready for the Christmas services:

- St Cuthbert's is needed for 10am on Saturday December 16th
- St Mark's for December 20th



Please do be mindful of how much you prune from the wayside, especially with Holly as it grows very slowly.

The Open the Book project needs some new volunteers.

The commitment is only one story per month (term time). We gather at the schools just before Assembly and one person reads the story while the rest of the team dress up and act it out with help from the children. The stories are all written by Open the Book (an offshoot of the Bible Society) and based on Bible Stories. It usually only takes about 15 minutes or so.

Please speak to Sarah Blackett-Ord or email admin@allendalechurch.co.uk if you would like to know more about volunteering with the group.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2023
FROM ALLENDALE WITH WHITFIELD AND NINEBANKS PARISHES



Sunday 3 December

Christingle *St Cuthbert's Allendale*, 3pm



Sunday 17 December

Carol Service & Refreshments 
***St Cuthbert's Allendale*, 6pm**

Friday 22 December

Carol Service & Refreshments 
***St Mark's Ninebanks*, 6pm**

Sunday 24 December

Midnight Mass
***St Mark's Ninebanks*, 11.30pm**

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day *St Cuthbert's Allendale*, 11am



Our regular services continue:

First Sunday of the month, *St Mark's, Ninebanks*;

Second, Fourth and Fifth Sunday of the month, *St Cuthbert's, Allendale*;

Third Sunday of the month, *Holy Trinity, Whitfield*.

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