

Allendale with Whitfield and Ninebanks

Sunday 1st December 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Hymns

No 28 Lo, He comes with clouds descending
No 31 Come thou long expected Jesus
No 26 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Lord, the light of your love is shining (words below)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me..

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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.'

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.

Festival of Angels

On Monday Dec 2nd up to and including Friday Dec 6th, you can take along your 'homemade' Angel to one of the three churches staging the Festival.

The **Festival of Angels** will be our big Christmas event where church and community come together to showcase our crafting talents and have some fun visiting all three churches to wonder at everyone's angelic creations.

There will be **refreshments** at St Cuthbert's (10am – 12noon) and St Mark's (2pm - 4pm) on December 14th and also at Holy Trinity on Dec 11th at 6pm when Whitfield School have their Nativity Play

The Angels can be viewed any day between 10am and 4pm at all three churches.

Mince Pies and beverages, maybe even Baileys at the Rectory.

Martin and Kathryn warmly invite everyone for mince pies and beverages on Thursday December 19th, 3-5pm. Please come along and share some pre Christmas cheer.

Christmas Services – everyone welcome:

- Sunday 1st December 3pm Christingle at St Cuthbert’s, Allendale.
- Wednesday 11th December 6pm Whitfield School Nativity at Holy Trinity, Whitfield.

- Sunday 15th December 6pm Carol Service at St Cuthbert’s, Allendale.
- Monday 16th December 2pm Whitfield School Carol Concert at St John’s, Whitfield.

- Friday 20th December 6pm Carol Service at St Mark’s, Ninebanks.
- Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Mark’s, Ninebanks.
- Christmas Day 9.30am Service at Holy Trinity, Whitfield.
- Christmas Day 11am Service at St Cuthbert’s, Allendale.

Don't be on your own this Christmas Day!
Come & join with others for a full Christmas Lunch

A 'Meet & Eat' CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH SPECIAL!

Wednesday 25th December 2024
12.30-3pm

Allendale Village Hall

A Warm Welcome Awaits You!

On a 'pay as you feel' basis
All welcome BUT booking is essential on the attached booking form.
Or ring Jen Hatto on 07711 567319 or email: thehattos@btinternet.com

An Allen Valleys Community Food and Warmth Network Event
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The 'Meet & Eat' CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH SPECIAL! Booking Form

I would like to book (number of adult places); (number of child places, under 12yrs.) for the Christmas Lunch on 25/12/24.

Name: (Block capitals)

Contact Phone No.:

Dietary requirements?:

Will you will require transport to and from Allendale Village Hall on the day?: Yes / No (Please circle)

If 'yes', please give us your address:
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When completed, please return the completed form to: Jen Hatto 'Christmas Lunch', 1 Forstersteads, Allendale, Hexham. NE4 9AS or give to one of the other volunteers on a Wednesday.

Contact Details for the Rev'd Martin Naylor

Tel: 01434 618973 Email: rector@allendalechurch.co.uk

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