

Allendale with Whitfield and Ninebanks
Sunday 8th December 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Hymns

No 406 Long ago

Longing for Light (words below)

No 574 Purify my heart

No 428 Love Divine

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!.....

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Malachi 3.1–4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1.3–11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you

may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1–6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Festival of Angels

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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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:

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.