

SEAHAM MESSENGER DECEMBER 2019



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BISHOP OF BEVERLEY**

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

9.30am Sung Mass at All Saints

11.00am Solemn Mass at S Johns

11.00am Sunday School at S Johns

11.00am Sung Mass at S Marys: First Sun of month.

12.30pm Holy Baptism by arrangement

5.00pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction 2nd Sun of month.

DAILY MASS

Mon 9.30am	S Johns	Tues 6.00pm	S Johns
Wed 9.30am	S Johns	Thur 9.30am	All Saints
Fri 9.30am	S Johns	Sat 9.30am	S Johns
Sat 10.30am S Marys			

**Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Wed 8.45am – 9.15am
Confessions, Anointing's & Home Communions by arrangement
with the Priests. Morning & Evening Prayer daily as announced.**

**Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham – 3rd Wednesday of each month
7.00pm Mass/Rosary**

PARISH OFFICE:

**The Parish Office at S Johns is open each Monday except Bank
Holidays 6.00pm – 6.45pm to arrange Christenings (Baptism)
Weddings, Banns, Certificates etc with the Parish Priest.**

MAIN EVENTS IN THE PARISH CALENDAR DEC 2019

Please note that as the Parish Calendar is prepared in advance & may be subject to occasional change; please look out for updates on the weekly Pew Sheet/Parish Website.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019 ADVENT 1 YR A	09.30am SUNG MASS (A Saints) 11.00am SOLEMN MASS (S Johns) 11.00am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11.00am SUNG MASS (S Marys) 5.00pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - SJ
Mon 2 nd Dec: Feria	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 2.00pm Mothers Union – S Johns 6.00pm Parish Office.
Tues 3 rd Dec S Francis Xavier	6.00pm Mass (S Johns)
Wed 4 th Dec: S John Damascus	8.45am 9.15am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass (S Johns) 11.00am Home Communion Beachcomber
Thurs 5 th Dec: Feria	9.30am Mass (All Saints)
Fri 6 th Dec: S Nicholas	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 7.00pm Mass - followed by PCC 7.15pm Advent Study Course wk3 Dawdon Vic
Sat 7 th Dec: S Ambrose	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 10.30am Mass (S Marys)
SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019 ADVENT 2 YR A	9.30am SUNG MASS (All Saints) 11.00am SOLEMN MASS (S Johns) 11.00am SUNDAY SCHOOL (S Johns) 5.00pm SOLEMN EVENSONG, BENEDICTION (S Johns) Both followed by coffee all welcome.
Mon 9 th Dec: Immaculate Conception BVM	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 6.00pm – 6.45pm Parish Office hour (SJ)
Tues 10 th Dec: Feria	6.00pm Mass (S Johns)
Wed 11 th Dec: S Damasus	8.45am 9.15am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass (S Johns) 7.00pm Mayors Civic Carol Service SJ
Thurs 12 th Dec: Our Lady Guadalupe	09.30am Mass NB S Johns - General Election 7.15pm Advent Study Course Wk4 Dawdon vic
Fri 13 th Dec: S Lucy	NB - 9.00am Mass (S Johns) 10.00am K2 Carol service Trinity School SJ
Sat 14 th Dec: S John Cross	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 10.30am Mass (S Marys)
SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019 ADVENT 3 YR A	9.30am SUNG MASS (All Saints) 11.00am SOLEMN MASS (S Johns) 11.00am SUNDAY SCHOOL (S Johns) 12.30am HOLY BAPTISM (S Johns) 3.00pm S Mary's Carol Service Both followed by coffee all welcome

Mon: 16 th Dec: feria	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 2.00pm Mothers Union S Johns 6.00pm Parish Office. 7.00pm Ladies Group Carol Service
Tues: 17 th Dec: O Sapientia	6.00pm Mass (S Johns)
Wed: 18 th Dec: O Adonai	8.45am 9.15am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass (S Johns) 7.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Thurs 19 th Dec: O Radix	9.30am Mass (All Saints)
Fri 20 th Dec: O Clavis	9.00am Mass (S Johns) 10.00am KS1 Trinity School Carol service SJ
Sat 21 st Dec: O Oriens	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 10.30am Mass (S Marys)
SUNDAY 22 nd DECEMBER 2019 ADVENT 4 O Rex Gentium YR A	9.30am SUNG MASS (All Saints) 11.00am SOLEMN MASS (S Johns) 11.00am SUNDAY SCHOOL (S Johns) 3.00pm Masonic Carol Service (S Marys) 4.00pm Christingle Service SJ Both followed by coffee all welcome
Mon: 23 rd Dec: O Emmanuel	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 6.00pm Parish Office.
Tues 24 th Dec: NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8.00pm SUNG MASS by Candlelight S Marys 11.30pm SOLEMN MASS of Midnight - S Johns
Wed 25 th Dec: NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.30am SOLEMN MASS of the Dawn AS 11.00am SOLEMN MASS of the Day SJ
Thurs 26 th Dec: S Stephen	9.30am Mass (All Saints)
Fri 27 th Dec: S John Patronal Festival	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 7.00pm Solemn Mass - SJ
Sat: 28 th Dec: The Holy Innocents	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 10.30am Mass (S Marys) 12.30pm Holy Baptism (S Johns)
SUNDAY 29 th DECEMBER 2019 THE HOLY FAMILY YR A	9.30am SUNG MASS (All Saints) 11.00am SOLEMN MASS (S Johns) 11.00am SUNDAY SCHOOL (S Johns) Both followed by coffee all welcome
Mon 30 th Dec: S Thomas Beckett	9.30am Mass (S Johns) 6.00pm Parish Office
Tues 31 st Dec: In Octave of Christmas – S Silvester	6.00pm Mass (S Johns)

BISHOP of BEVERLEY

Keep up to date with our Bishop on his website

www.seeofbeverley.org.uk

The Diocese of Durham on its website

www.durham.a+nglican.org

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support and hard work during the month of November which began with All Saints Patronal Festival at which Fr Collins preached a great sermon and we were delighted to be joined by the Archdeacon of Sunderland at a joint benefice Solemn Mass followed by a pleasant lunch and in the afternoon and on the same day at S Johns to annual All Souls tide Memorial service was held. The following week end some amended services again for Remembrance Day culminating in an excellent Remembrance Day parade and service at the Terrace Green War Memorial. On Monday 11th the Armistice Day service was held at S John's when we were joined by the Royal British Legion, members of the congregation and general public and staff and pupils from both Trinity and Ropery Walk Primary Schools. On the 13th November All Saints hosted a meeting of the Diocesan Estates Ministry group at which the new Bishop of Jarrow attended. On 14th 70 children from Ropery Walk visited S Johns as part of their curriculum and thank you to all who worked for and supported the All Saints Christmas Fayre on the 16th to which I was sorry to miss as Norman and I were attending the Forward in Faith National Assembly in London. Thank you to all who sold Christmas Draw tickets and worked for and

supported the S Johns Christmas Fayre – 23rd. And as I write we look forward to hosting a concert at S Johns by the Seaham Music Academy at 1.00pm on Saturday 30th November.

As we look forward to December Advent Sunday is on the 1st with normal morning Masses and at 5pm at S Johns the Advent Carol service to which all are warmly invited. The Advent course continues in December at Dawdon Vicarage with the 3rd session on 5th and final 12th. Big cleaning days in preparation for Christmas have been arranged at S Johns beginning after 9.30am Mass on Saturday 7th Dec for cleaning of hall kitchen and toilets and 14th Dec the cleaning of the Church. Please pop in to give as much time as you can even half an hour will help and your reward will be a bacon sandwich.

This year I am Mayors Civic Chaplain and so we are privileged to be hosting the Mayor of Seaham's civic carol service at S Johns on Wednesday 11th Dec at 7.00pm followed by refreshments in the Parish room to which all are welcome. Thursday 12th is General Election Day and as All Saints Church and S John's parish room are used as polling stations the Thursday morning Mass will be held at S Johns and not All Saints. We are delighted that Trinity School will be holding their Carol Service at S Johns at 10am KS1 13th December and

KS1 20th December and Seaview having their Carol Service on 18th December. Our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held at S Johns on Wednesday 18th Dec at 7.00pm followed by seasonal refreshments and Sunday 22nd at 4.00pm the Christingle service followed by seasonal refreshments. Mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated at 8.00pm S Marys, and 11.30pm the Midnight Mass at S Johns and on Christmas Day 9.30am All Saints and 11.00am S Johns. S John celebrates the Patronal festival on the feast of S John the Apostle and Evangelist Friday 27th December with Mass at 9.30am and Solemn Mass 7.00pm.

At a time of change and uncertainty in our world and indeed in our nation as well as in so many peoples lives please hold one another and those who lead us in your prayers as we approach the celebration of the Emmanuel ~ God with US at Christmas.

Fr Mark, Fr Chris, Diane, Anna & Jonathon, the Church Wardens and PCC's join me in wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and a New Year full of joy and peace.



Friends

NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 29TH
A.G.M

MOTHERS UNION MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS AT
ST.JOHN'S



December 2nd
CHRISTMAS SERVICE
December 16th
Christmas Faith Lunch &
Carols (12 noon)

See Alma for further details

HOME COMMUNIONS

Anyone sick or housebound
Who would like to receive
Holy Communion at home
Please contact Fr Paul or Fr Mark

500 CLUB

Numbers for the S Johns/All Saints weekly draw with cash
prize each week at £1.00 each.
For Church funds from Anne Hoare

ALL SAINTS RAFFLE

Monthly raffle at All Saints is drawn after Mass on the 2nd
Sunday of each month. Tickets £1 per strip from
Sheila Savage.



PARISH CELL – Our Lady of Walsingham

It is thought we would re-instate the Parish Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham (as the joint idea of another Parish didn't work out) so all Walsingham Pilgrims past, present and future and all who have an interest in the Shrine or love of Our Lady of Walsingham are invited to attend the monthly gathering which will include Mass/ Rosary & light refreshments. Programme for the year at back of Church.

ADVENT
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ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019 – S JOHNS

**5pm Readings & Music for the start of
Advent.**

ADVENT STUDY COURSE

"Build on one rock"

Session 3

5th Dec 7.15pm

Final session 12th Dec at Dawdon Vicarage

We warmly invite you to our

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



MAYORS CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 11th December 7pm S Johns

Followed by refreshments

S JOHNS PRE CHRISTMAS CLEAN

**All volunteers welcome to help give S Johns
a big clean before Christmas**

**Parish Room/ kitchen/toilets
Saturday 7th December following
9.30am Mass**

**Church Saturday 14th following 9.30am
Mass**

**All volunteers even if you can spend half an
hour - finishing at 2pm**

Bacon sandwich - reward !!

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

12th Dec 2019

**As both Churches are used as Polling
Stations please note 9.30am Mass at All
Saints will be at S Johns.**



SCHOOLS CAROL SERVICES

**Trinity School KS2 Fri 13th Dec 10.00am
S JOHNS**

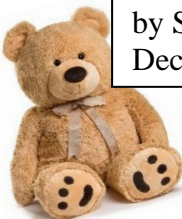
KS1 Friday 20th Dec 10.00am S JOHNS

SEAVIEW

Wed 18th Dec 10.00am ALL SAINTS



If you would like to donate a Christmas gift to a child aged up to 17, who will not otherwise receive a gift this year, new items can be donated and left at St Johns Church for collection by Sonia Forster before 10th December. Many thanks.





Lessons & **CAROLS**

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

AT

S JOHNS

Wednesday 18th December 2019 7.00pm

Followed by seasonal refreshments

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 22nd December 2019

4.00pm

Followed by seasonal refreshments



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY



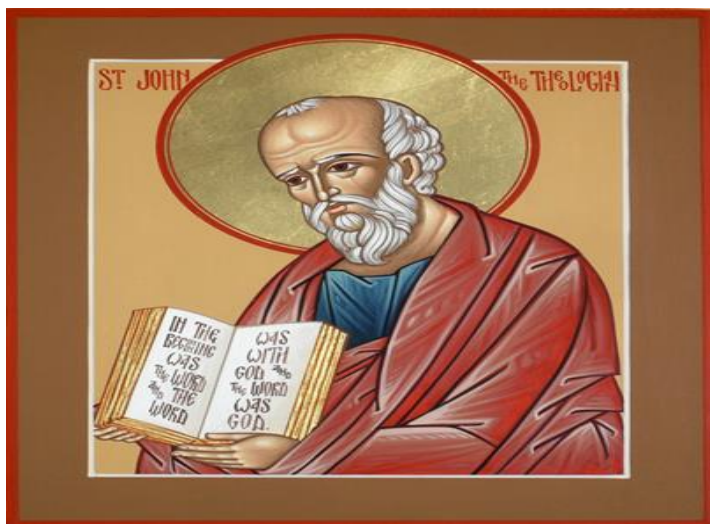
**Christmas Eve 8.00pm SUNG MASS by
Candlelight at S Marys**

**11.30pm SOLEMN MASS OF MIDNIGHT -
S Johns
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.30am SOLEMN MASS of the Dawn All
Saints**

11.00am SOLMEN MASS of the Day S Johns

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



S JOHN THE APOSTLE - EVANGELIST

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER 2019

9.30am Mass

7.00pm SOLEMN MASS



Please feel
free to pop
into St John's
Parish Room
on the 2nd
Friday of
each month
1pm-2pm, for
a chat with
CLLR. KEVIN SHAW

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

"Do not be afraid to profess the faith"

031119 Ava Rose Harvey

031119 Aaron James Harvey

171119 Ezra Leif Marvey

Funerals in Church

"Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord"

121119 Jimmy Jones

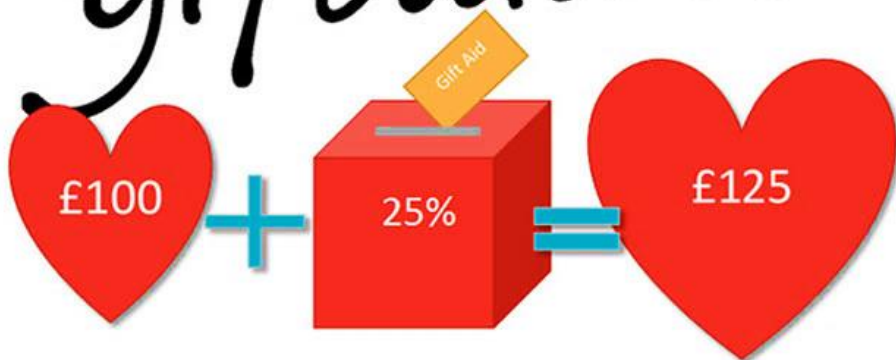
131119 Les Black

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BUILDING FUND DONATIONS



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William Scorer
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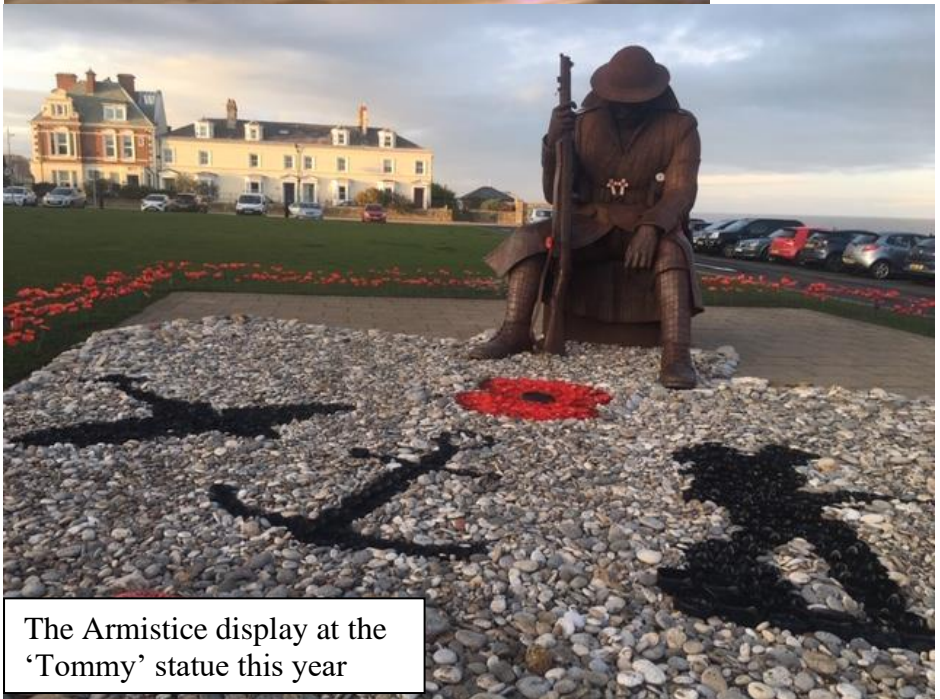
3. Collect

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The moon exhibition at Gloucester Cathedral



The Armistice display at the 'Tommy' statue this year



The beautiful candle offerings on the altar in remembrance of the departed on All Souls Day



The Archdeacon of Sunderland Rev. Canon Bob Copper, visited All Saints Church on All Saints Day

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

- 1.The 1994 Winter Olympic Games took place in which country?
- 2.On a Monopoly board, what colour is Vine Street?
- 3.Gazpacho is a type of what?
- 4.In ancient China, which precious green stone vase was buried with the dead?
- 5.Who was the fouthnder member of Band Aid?
- 6.Which Tudor ship was raised from the seabed in the 1980s?
- 7.Which Eurovision Song Contest entry gave Cliff Richard a UK no.1?
- 8.Hippophobia is the fear of what?
- 9.Zn is the chemical symbol for which element?
10. In which comic did Korky the Cat first appear?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEREK SPAREY NICHOLA YOUNG
JOHN YOUNG

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Norway
2. Orange
3. Soup
4. Jade
5. Bob Geldof
6. The Mary Rose
7. Congratulations
8. Horses
9. Zinc
10. Dandy

**Please submit
items of interest
for the Parish
Magazine by 12th
of the month.**

**Merry
Christmas**
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HEAVENLY FATHER, BLESS THE BISHOPS,
CLERGY & PEOPLE OF THE SOCIETY,
BIND US TOGETHER IN LOVE & FAITH,
RENEW US IN SERVICE & WITNESS, ANY BY
YOUR HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE OUR FUTURE &
MAKE PLAIN YOUR PURPOSES. WE ASK THIS
THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

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ST. HILDA, PRAY FOR US

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