

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation is planned to take place in St Mark's on Sunday 26th March (10.30am). Young people of School Year 10 and above are invited to consider if they would like to be confirmed. To begin our preparation a planning meeting will take place after the 10.30am Service on Sunday 8th January in the Crozier Hall. Candidates and parents are invited to attend when we shall agree the most suitable day for meeting after school in the Crozier Hall for Confirmation Classes. For any further information, please speak to Malcolm, Sarah or Sunday School leaders.

CDs: CD recordings of the Sunday 10.30am Service are distributed to home of people who are unable to attend church and do not have internet access. If you know of someone who would like to receive a CD, please contact the Parish Office (37523197)



PEW NEWS

Sunday 11th December 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent www.stmarksarmagh.org



Prayer Points:-

- for the nation of Ukraine, that the war will end soon, people will not have engage in conflict, and that citizens can live in freedom and without fear
- for all in our community struggling with the cost of living and feel even more burdened in the approach to Christmas
- for the work of Belfast Central Mission through whom toys collected in St Mark's will be shared with families in need of assistance across Northern Ireland
- for all who seek to help people who are homeless, especially in winter months
- for families who have bereaved following the passing of a loved one in recent days. May each know hope, comfort and support.
- for our Sunday School as they prepare for the Nativity Service. May the children of our parish be blessed by the God for whom each person is incredibly precious

SERVICES:-

Today

8.30am : Holy Communion (p201) 1st Reading : Isaiah 9v2-7 (p694) Gospel : Luke 1v26-38 (p1026)

10.30am: Morning Prayer

See Service Booklet

Hymn 126

1st Reading: Isaiah 9v2-7 (p694)

Reader: Mervyn Adamson Psalm 146v4-10 (p762)

2nd Reading : Luke 1v26-38

(p1026)

Canticle Hymn 704

Hymn 141 Hymn 136 Hymn 125 7pm: Evening Prayer (p101)

Hymn 134

Canticle: Benedictus (p91)

1st Reading: Micah 5v1-4 (p933)

Psalm 14 (p605)

2nd Reading: John 1v1-14

(p1063) Hymn 228 Hymn 712 Hymn 97



This Week & Next Sunday



- Monday (7pm): Choir Practice in St Mark's.
- Tuesday 13th (6.30pm): Sunday School Christmas Party in the Crozier Hall
- Wednesday (10am): Marksmen Breakfast in The Charlemont Arms Hotel
- Wednesday (7pm): Lisanally School Carol Service in St Mark's
- Wednesday (8pm): Bowling Club in The Crozier Hall
- Thursday (10.15am): Ladies Walking Group trip and lunch in Scarva. Meeting outside of the Crozier Hall
- Thursday (7pm): Chi Mi & Pilates in The Crozier Hall
- Sunday (8.30am): Holy Communion (10.30am): Nativity Service

(5pm): YF3 Youth Fellowship in The Venue

(please dress for outdoors)

(7pm): Nine Lessons & Carols Service

Holy Communion at Home

During this week beginning Malcolm and Sarah will be calling with Parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion at home before Christmas. If for health reasons someone that you know is unable to attend church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please do get in touch (37522970). Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who supported recent Hospice, Toys and Food Bank appeals, as well as the current Bishops' Appeal collection. Your generosity has been fantastic and deeply appreciated.



Children's Talks

Occasionally during services children will be invited to come to the front of the church for participation in Children's Talks. We would like parents / guardians to be aware that if children do join clergy at the front of church they will be visible in the service livestream on YouTube. Please also note that next Sunday, as the Nativity Service will be livestreamed, those participating will be visible online

Monthly Mid Week Services

On the first Tuesday of each month (11.30am) a Service of Holy Communion takes place in St Mark's. This is intentionally offered for people who find it difficult to attend services on Sundays. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome. The next service will take place on Tuesday 3rd January and a light lunch is then offered in the Crozier Hall.

Weekly Midweek Services and Bible Fellowship

Wednesday night services have concluded for this year and will resume on Wednesday, January 11th. Everyone will be welcome!