# Welcome to St. John's in Farsley

# **Sunday 17**th **December** – Third Sunday of Advent

#### **This Sunday**

**8:30am** Holy Communion – Online Worship Watch online at <a href="https://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/ourservices/recorded-services/">www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/ourservices/recorded-services/</a>

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Nativity Service with donkeys6.30pm Carols by Candlelight refreshments in theHall afterwards

#### Reading

1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 and John 1. 6-8, 19-28

#### **Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# Diary for the week

# Monday 18th December

6pm Brownies afterwards 8pm Guides

# Tuesday 19th December

10am-11.30am Babies and Toddler Group

# Wednesday 20th December

6pm Rainbows

# Thursday 21st December

**6.25pm** Carol Singing - Meeting at the church hall

# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

10am-12pm Coffee Morning including 11am Bereavement Group in the Lounge

10am Christingle Making in the Church Hall

# **Next Sunday**

24<sup>th</sup> December – Fourth Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion – online worship
8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion and Sunday School
4pm and 5pm Christingle Services

# **Readings**

Romans 16, 25-27 and Luke 1, 26-38

11.30pm Christmas Eve Service

#### **Notices**

#### **Christmas Day**

10.30am Christmas Day Service

#### **Christingle Making Volunteers**

We need volunteers to make the Christingles on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10am during Friday Coffee. If you would like to help please see Lorna or Alan.

Boxes – if you have a box that you could bring with you for the finished Christingles that would be great.

#### **Quiz Night**

Thank you to all who came and took part last Friday. Alan, Liz, Lynda, Andy, Jo, Freddy and Charlie won the quiz and took home the trophy and will be doing the next Quiz (February ?? 7pm). Joan, Val, Audrey and Christopher took home the losers trophy.

Regular giving - Our church relies on regular donations to finance our activities and events. Talking about money, 2 Corinthians 9:7 says "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." For information on how to set up a direct debit or make a one-off donation, please visit <a href="https://stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/donate">https://stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/donate</a>

Or use the QR code

**Office** – the office will be closed after the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Dates for your dairies;

**Prayer-time (1st and 3rd Friday)** – 5th and 19th January 11am-11.30am

**Sunflower Café (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) –** 20<sup>th</sup> January 10am-12pm

**Bereavement Group (4<sup>th</sup> Friday) –** 26<sup>th</sup> January 11am-12pm

Parish Lunch (4th Sunday) – 28th January 12.15pm

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