

Welcome to The Great Grimsby Team Ministry

Sunday 17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-end • Magnificat • I Thessalonians 5.16-24 • John 1.6-8,19-28

8am	Holy Communion	President <i>Rev Katherine Farrell</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	President <i>Rev Mark Hutson</i> Preacher <i>Rev. Jan Vasey</i> Reader <i>Susi Gaikward</i> • Intercessor <i>Maureen Bender</i>
6pm	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	<i>See separate order of service.</i>
St Hugh 9.30am		
Eucharist		
President <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i> Reader <i>Gordon Green</i> Prayers <i>Allan Pearson</i>		
St Mark 9.30am		
Extended Communion		
Officiant <i>Reader Ken Richardson</i> Hymns 527, 221, 259, 690		
St Martin 11.00am		
Extended Communion		
Officiant <i>Reader Ken Richardson</i>		

Next Sunday 24th December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 • Magnificat • Romans 16.25-end • Luke 1.26-38

8am	Holy Communion	President <i>Rev Mark Hutson</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	President & Preacher <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i> Reader <i>Joan Date</i> • Intercessor <i>Chris Daniel</i>
3pm	Crib Service	Officiant <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i>
11pm	Midnight Mass	President & Preacher <i>Rev Katherine Farrell</i>
St Hugh 9.30am		
Eucharist		
President <i>Rev Mark Hutson</i> Reader <i>John Foulds</i> Prayers <i>Sheila Harrop</i>		
St Mark 9.30am		
Eucharist		
President <i>Rev Katherine Farrell</i> Hymns 580, 182, 137, 759.		
St Martin 11.00am		
Eucharist		
President <i>Rev Katherine Farrell</i>		

Forthcoming services in our churches

24 th December Christmas Eve	25 th December Christmas Day	31 st December Christmas 1	7 th January Epiphany
Minster As above	Minster 8am Holy Communion 10am United Parish Eucharist	Minster 8am Holy Communion 10.30am United Parish Eucharist	Minster 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Eucharist 6pm Evening Prayer
St Hugh's 6pm Carol/Crib Service			St Hughs 9:30am Ext Communion
St Mark's 6pm Carol/Crib Service			St Mark's 9:30am Eucharist
St Martin 6pm Carol/Crib Service			St Martin 11am Eucharist



Thought for the week

It is 40 years since the first Star Wars film delighted audiences, and since then the movie franchise has become such a cultural phenomenon that its fictional Jedi belief system has made it from the screen to the UK census books. The attraction, perhaps, lies in its exploration of the hopes and tensions held within us all. Who are we meant to be? How can we become him or

her? If we have found ourselves in darkness, is there a path back to the light?

In the official trailer for the new film, it seems Rey is trying to discover her path:

‘something inside me... it’s awake...I need someone to show me my place in all this’. She reaches out for help, but we’re left unsure whose hand she will take and which path she will choose. Voices and images present a maelstrom of possibilities: ‘we have a spark that will light the fire’; ‘fulfil your destiny’; ‘let the past die...that’s the only way to become what you were meant to be’. Rey is at a turning point and we’ll have to watch the full film to find out where she will go.

In today’s Gospel reading we meet John, a man whose destiny and path seem clear. He was ‘sent from God...to testify to the light’. Yet, when the priests and Levites come to question him, some sceptical, but others no doubt genuinely hopeful of finding answers and the right path, it must have been tempting for John to claim that significance for himself – to turn to the dark side. But John resists. He knows who he is and who he is not. He explains to them that it’s time to prepare, to ‘make straight the way of the Lord’, and look to ‘the one who is coming after me’. He is humble and honest enough to know his place is to be a wayfinder and an honest witness. We can only hope that Rey – and we ourselves – can meet with and recognise the wayfinders and witnesses sent to help us on our journeys towards the light.

Church Services & Parish Meetings this week

Monday 18th December *O Adonai*

9-10am Lisle Marsden Carol Service

9.15-10.30 Exchange Group

12pm-4pm Guides and Brownies

Tuesday 19th December *O Radix Jesse*

9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster

No Coffee Shop

9.30am Morning Service, St Hugh’s

5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster

Wednesday 20th December *O Clavis David*

9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster

No Coffee Shop

10am-12pm Elliston Primary Academy

5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster

Thursday 21st December *O Oriens*

- 9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop open until 2pm, Grimsby Minster
10am-12pm Art Group
11am Holy Communion, Grimsby Minster (Lady Chapel)
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7-8pm Rotary Carol Service

Friday 22nd December *O Rex Gentium*

- 9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop open until 1:30pm Grimsby Minster
12pm Shoppers' Carols
2.15pm Funeral Service Gillian Fuller
5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster

Saturday 23rd December *O Emmanuel*

Christmas Services & Events at the Minster

Sunday 17th December 6pm Civic service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Following the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols first held Christmas Eve 1918 at King's College Cambridge, this service is a highlight in the civic calendar of Grimsby.

Friday 22nd December 12noon Shoppers' Carol Service

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

- 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Parish Eucharist
3pm Family Christmas Service
a service around the crib with well-known carols and Christmas stories.
11pm Midnight Mass Grimsby Minster

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

- 10am United Parish Eucharist of Christmas
a choral eucharist with a family friendly sermon



Christmas Services at the Districts



St Mark's, Laceby Rd • St Martin's, Sutcliffe Ave • St Hugh's, Haycroft St

St Martin Sunday 24th December

11am Service of the Word
6pm Carol & Crib Service

St Hugh Monday 11th December
Sunday 24th December

6pm Christingle Service
9:30am Service of the Word
6pm Family Carol Service

St Mark Sunday 24th December

9:30am Service of the Word
6pm Family Crib Service

Christmas can be lonely or joyful, often busy and sometimes stressful. It can also be a time to pause, reflect and unwrap the true gift of Christmas: peace, hope and love. Sign up and get your friends and family to join **Your Christmas Journey** by texting **GodWithUs** to **88802***. You'll receive one SMS for each of the thirteen reflections.

**Standard network rates apply. You will not be charged to receive any messages from us*

Why not have a go at this week's Word search

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JOHN WITNESS LIGHT
LEVITES ELIJAH PROPHET
ISAIAH PHARISEES BAPTISE
WATER BETHANY JORDAN

