

Welcome to The Great Grimsby Team Ministry

Sunday 16th December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent.

Zephaniah 3.14-20 • Isaiah 12.2-6 • Philippians 4.4-7 • Luke 3.7-18

8am	Holy Communion	President <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	President & Preacher <i>Revd Katherine Farrell</i> Reader <i>Tim Bruning</i> • Intercessor <i>Maureen Bender</i>
6pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	Officiant <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i> <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>Sheila Harrop</i>		
St Mark 9.30am		
Extended Communion		
Officiant <i>Rdr Ken Richardson</i>		
Hymns 691, 447, 655, 695		
St Martin 11am		
Extended Communion		
Officiant <i>Rdr Ken Richardson</i>		

Next Sunday 23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Micah 5.2-5a • Magnificat • Hebrews 10.5-10 • Luke 1.39-45

8am	Holy Communion	President <i>Revd Katherine Farrell</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	President & Preacher <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i> Reader <i>Chris Daniel</i> • Intercessor <i>Mary Topliss</i>
St Hugh 9.30am		
Service of the Word		
Officiant <i>Revd Jan Vasey</i>		
Reader <i>John Foulds</i>		
Prayers <i>David Duggan</i>		
St Mark 9.30am		
Service of the Word		
Officiant <i>Rdr Ken Richardson</i>		
Hymns 85, 633, 631, 759		
St Martin 11am		
Eucharist		
President <i>Revd Katherine Farrell</i>		

Forthcoming services in our churches

24 December Christmas Eve	25 December Christmas Day	30 December First of Christmas	6 January Epiphany
Minster 3pm Family Crib Service 11pm Midnight Mass	Minster 10am United Parish Eucharist of Christmas	Minster 10am United Parish Eucharist of Christmas	Minster 10.30am Parish Eucharist <i>Incense will be used</i>
St Hugh's 6pm Family Carol Service			St Hugh's 9.30am Extended Commun'n
St Mark's 3pm Family Crib Service			St Mark's 9.30am Eucharist
St Martin's 6pm Carol & Crib Service			St Martin's 11am Eucharist

Thought for the Week

Our Prime Minister continues to work away at the impossible task set by the referendum, while her colleagues' letters declaring no confidence in her piled up enough to trigger Wednesday's vote. That she clung on leaves some full of admiration, others with frustration. I wonder if she thought about a brood of vipers in parliament last week. John the Baptist describes some of those coming to him as vipers. Why 'vipers'? (A bit harsh, John.) They are venomous and, if surprised by a threat, will strike out. If looking for dinner, they will use surprise and strike, paralyse, then eat. It is a vivid and unpleasant image of pure selfishness, pure self-preservation – and it turns our stomach. 'Who warned you to come?' he shouts, seeing their religious life as self-preservation rather than devotion. Most fiercely, he challenges the puffed up self-image that is made of nothing but nostalgia: 'Don't tell me who your ancestors were. WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?' A prophet challenges a nostalgic nation? Well, what possible relevance could this scripture have?

But suddenly, after fierce, challenging language he changes tone the moment people ask him 'What shall we do?', and his answers are disarmingly simple. Share if you have more than enough. Tax collectors, take only your due. Soldiers, don't bully. Very simple. What is truly shocking is that hoarding when others are cold and hungry is normalised. Taking more than your due is normalised. Bullying is normalised. Shouldn't these three suggestions be obvious?

We ask the same questions as the people following John. 'What can we do?' when all is chaos around us. Imagine if we all carried out our work with the question 'How can my conduct make this role a benefit to others?' Whatever your job or calling, what do you think John's simple suggestion would be to you?

Andrew

Forthcoming meetings in the Parish

Minster DCC *Tbc*

Church Services & Parish Meetings this week

Monday 17th December <i>O Sapientia, Englantyne Jebb, Founder of "Save the Children", 1928</i>
1.45pm South Parade School Carol Service, Grimsby Minster
Tuesday 18th December <i>O Adonai</i>
9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop opened until 11.30am, Grimsby Minster
2.15pm St Martin's School Christmas Service, Grimsby Minster
5:30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster
Wednesday 19th December <i>O Radix Jesse</i>
9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop opened until 12pm, Grimsby Minster
9.30-11.30 Minster Minis, Grimsby Minster
1.45pm Lisle Marsden Christmas Service
5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster.

Thursday 20th December *O Clavis David*

- 9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
- 9.30am Coffee Shop opened until 2pm, Grimsby Minster
- 11am Eucharist, Grimsby Minster (Lady Chapel)
- 12pm Shoppers' Carol Service
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster
- 6pm Carols in the Square, St James Square

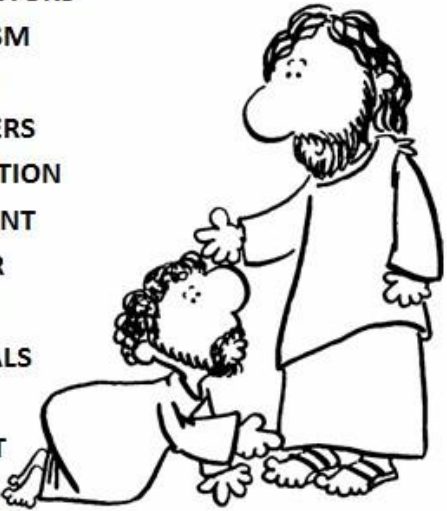
Friday 21st December *O Oriens*

- 9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
- 10am Elliston School Christmas Service
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster

Saturday 22nd December *O Rex Gentium*

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

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L	C	F	L	N	E	R	I	F	R	EXTORTION
L	E	F	D	I	H	B	T	I	O	CONTENT
O	L	A	N	N	W	A	P	S	T	WATER
C	L	H	A	R	E	T	A	W	X	STRAP
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Welcome to our services in the parish of Great Grimsby.

This evening the Minster hosts the **CIVIC SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS** when we welcome people from all over Grimsby in preparation for Christmas. Please do come and join us as we sing and listen to the Christmas story, and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!

We are delighted to be welcoming the **LOCAL SCHOOLS** to the Minster as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. We welcomed the local David Ross Educational Trust Schools last week and St James' School had a service of Nine Lessons and Carols .and This week we welcome South Parade School on Monday at 1.45pm, St Martin's School on Tuesday at 2.15pm, Lisle Marsden Academy on Wednesday at 1.45pm and Elliston Street Primary on Friday at 10am.

There is over a week to go before Christmas Day, so it is still worth picking up one of our **CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS**. There are plenty on the literature desk. A lot is going on over the next week or so at the Minster and there is also a host of activities taking place in the district churches.

RESILIENT HERITAGE PROJECT update: After our initial meeting we agreed to explore organisational structure and the management of staff and volunteers. We were asked to consider whether we need to implement new ways of working and whether any training might be helpful as our advisers could help us source relevant training.

Assessment of revenue streams is a theme for future advice so let's hope some good ideas emerge! The next meeting is scheduled for 21 January and a further update will follow those discussions.

The last meeting of **MINSTER MINIS** before Christmas will be on Wednesday 19th December. We will be back after a break on Wednesday 9th January 2019 when Minis Worship will include the story of the Wise Men.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. Tuesday 8th January 2019 1.30-3.30pm sees the first of our monthly social gatherings. Come along with your old friends and make some new ones! Our first meeting will include a simple complimentary afternoon tea. All are welcome. For catering purposes please let either Revd. Katherine, Christine Plant, or the Office (01472 277277) know you are attending. Sunday 3rd February 2019 (Candlemas) There will be a Bring and Share lunch after the 10.30am service. Looking further ahead to next Spring/Summer, there is a possibility of a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. If you are interested, please let Revd. Katherine know, so we can see if this is viable.

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be open on Tuesday 18th December and will then be closed from 19th December to 6th January, opening again on Monday 7th January

If you're receiving Christmas cards in the post, remember to keep your **OLD STAMPS** and bring them into the office – we're able to use them to raise money for the RNIB.

PRINTER PROBLEMS. Many of you may have had to read this notice sheet on the Internet rather than having a brightly coloured hard copy to consult. Many apologies for the inconvenience, but our printer has developed a complicated problem which requires a number of replacement circuit boards to remedy..

Our Mission

Giving thanks to God,
we encourage each other
to discover God's purpose
for our lives,
which equips us
for service in the world.

Our Vision

As one parish we are committed to growing our parish in numbers, providing quality pastoral care, and responding to people in need through effective social action.

We will excel in training for ministry, lay and ordained.

We will build a reputation for being good neighbours in our town and borough.

We offer hospitality to friends and strangers.

We are known for engaged preaching, teaching and worship.