

# Welcome to St John's Church-Elmswell

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**9.30am All Age Service with Music Group**  
**11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Elmswell and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. We extend a special welcome this morning to our preacher Margaret Rugira. Tea and coffee will be served in the church room after the All Age service, until 10.45am.



**Sunday 4th December 2016**

## 11.00am Service

**Collect** (*special prayer for today*)

**The Second Sunday in Advent**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

O/T Reading: Isaiah 29: 13 to 24 (p 713)

Gospel: Mark 7: 1 to 23 (p 1010)

### **HYMNS**

#### **Source**

526 To God be the Glory

408 Only by grace

436 Purify my heart

950 Rock of ages

## **Notice Board**

**Angela Blay**, who is co-ordinating transport for members of the congregation needing lifts, either to church or for appointments during the week, would still like to hear from anyone who is willing to add their name to the list of volunteer drivers. If you are able to offer your services, please contact Angela.

**The Friends of St John's** has for sale on the table near the kitchen door Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels, jotters, cook books, all at reduced prices. Money raised goes to the Friends' Funds for the Church Fabric.

**CAKES FOR SALE:** Sarah Fife is organizing a Cake Sale after church next week to help raise funds to cover our parish share shortfall.

### ***The week ahead***

**This evening** There is no CYFA group meeting.

**Monday 5 December** 10.00am to 11.15am Coffee Break at the Rectory, for more information please speak to Lisa (tel. 01359-240512)

### ***Diary Dates***

**Sunday 11 December** 7.00pm CYFA Group meet at the Rectory - Pizza and DVD evening

**Wednesday 14 December** 1.00pm to 2.00pm Little Elms' Nativity in church.

**Friday 16 December** 10.00am to 11.00am School Christmas celebrations in church.

11.30am Ladies' Lunch at the Wesley Hall, School Road. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

**Saturday 17 December** 9.00am to 10.00am Prayer meeting in the church room.

### ***Looking Further Ahead***

**Sunday 18 December** 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by Seasonal light refreshments.

**Saturday 24 December** 3.30pm I Can't Wait For Christmas - Family Carol Service.  
11.30pm Late Night Communion.

☺ Please take this notice sheet home with you as a reminder of future events ☺

**Next Sunday... 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**  
**10.30am Parish Praise**