

NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - December/January 2024-25

Another new year...

We are approaching yet another New Year; one which will be heralded by parties and firework displays around the world. Resolutions will be made, with undoubtedly the best of intentions, and many of them broken rather too quickly! But it's a rite we go through ever 12 months, as we hope and pray that the coming year will be better than the last one (particularly on the world stage). And as we look past the haze of the season's festivities it's hard not to look with a little negativity, especially for those who've observed a great many New Years. For nothing really seems to change - the same old issues crop up again and again around our country and the globe and we wonder whether humankind is capable of making things better.



Well, perhaps we're not - well, not on our own, that is. But for those of us blessed with the name Christian we have to remind ourselves that we believe in a God who "makes all things new." The Prophet Isaiah speaks of God "doing a new thing" and the Book of Revelation has the one seated on the throne saying "Behold, I am making all things new." In Baptism we are all 'made new' in Christ. And Jesus, in John's account of the Gospel, tells us: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

As we approach a New Year let us be reminded of what we are capable as human beings, as long as we don't try to go it alone. The key thing to remember is that it is with Christ that all things are possible and that the reality of a better new year can be a reality.

The world is undoubtedly a grim place in many areas and ways, but it is also a fantastic, wonderful, beautiful, compassionate and loving place too. As we look to 2025, may we hold on to our relationship with our Father, through his Son, and thereby be empowered to live and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit into a confident future.

Father Markin

December/January Diary

1st	ADVENT SUNDAY
	10.00am Sung Eucharist
	6.00pm Advent Course
3rd	10.00am Coffee pop-in
4th	St John Damascene
	12.00pm Eucharist
8th	ADVENT 2
	10.00am Sung Eucharist
	6.00pm Advent Course
10th	10.00am Coffee pop-in
11th	12.00pm Eucharist
14th	10.00am Xmas Wreath Making
15th	ADVENT 3
	10.00am Sung Eucharist
17th	10.00am Coffee pop-in
18th	11.00am Aaron Court Service
	12.00pm NO Eucharist
20th	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight
22nd	ADVENT 4
	10.00am Sung Eucharist
	4.00pm Crib Service
	6.00pm Advent Course
24th	Christmas Eve
	11.30pm Midnight Mass
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
	10.00am Sung Family Eucharist
29th	THE HOLY FAMILY
	10.00am Sung Eucharist
31st	10.00am NO pop-in
JANUARY	
1st	12.00pm NO Eucharist
5th	THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY
	10.00am Sung Eucharist

7th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
8th	12.00pm	Eucharist
12th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
14th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
15th	12.00pm	Eucharist
19th	EPIPHANY 2	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
21st	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
22nd	12.00pm	Eucharist
26th	EPIPHANY 3	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
28th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
29th	12.00pm	Eucharist

All Saints, Scaptoft Carols by Candlelight



Friday December 20th
7.30pm

Everyone very welcome
