

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

30 November 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

In Advent, we omit the Gloria.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy: and give us your saving help. Alleluia, alleluia!

1. Monday 1 December: Jarrow Deanery Chapter meets at St Michael's from 12 noon.

2. Monday 1 December: Patronal Festival at St Andrew's, Tudhoe Grange at 7pm. All are welcome to join Father Livesley and his people in celebrating St Andrew the Apostle.

3. Donations towards Christmas flowers will be gratefully received.

4. Thursday 11 December: Customs Voices Concert at St Michael's at 6pm.

5. Friday 12 December: Westoe Brass Band Concert at St Michael's at 7.30pm.

6. Saturday 20 December: The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, here at St Hilda's, at 3pm.

This week's scripture readings at Mass

Romans 10.12-18 | Matthew 4.18-22

Isaiah 11.1-10 | Luke 10.21-24

Isaiah 25.6-10 | Matthew 15.29-37

Isaiah 26.1-6 | Matthew 7.21, 24-27

Isaiah 29.17-end | Matthew 9.27-31

Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26 | Matthew 9.35-10.1, 6-8

Saturday is the Feast of St Nicholas. He was bishop of Myra in Turkey and died in the middle of the fourth century. He has been venerated in the Church since the 10th century, and is the patron saint of sailors, and of children.

Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)
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Mr W Marley Miss C Mulley

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 1 December

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Intention: St Andrew's, Tudhoe Grange

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 2 December

Advent Feria

Intention: Deanery Synod

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 3 December

St Francis Xavier

Intention: Missionaries

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 4 December

Advent Feria

Intention: Royal National Lifeboat Institution

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 5 December

Advent Feria

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 6 December

St Nicholas

Intention: Children's Society

10.00am Mass

11.30am Johnson Family Memorial Service

Sunday 7 December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Advent Carol Service

at 5pm at St Michael's

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A Forward in Faith Parish in the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley

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COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PSALM Verses from Psalm 122

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

SECOND READING Romans 13.11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 24.36-44

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.